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MR. CHURCHILL DID NOT BELIEVE NEWS OF DEPUTY NAZI FUEHRER: OUTCOME OF TALKS BETWEEN HESS AND KIRKPATRICK NOT REVEALED

Question Of Why Duff-Cooper Did Not Foretell Announcement On Insanity

"I DID NOT BELIEVE THE NEWS MYSELF WHEN I WAS TOLD IT IN THE COURSE OF SUNDAY. I THINK IT WAS, BUT I IMMEDIATELY SENT AN OFFICER, WHO KNEW THE DEPUTY FUEHRER WELL, AND WHO WAS ABLE TO SPEAK WITH HIM IN FLUENT GERMAN," said MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Prime Minister, in the HOUSE OF COMMONS, yesterday afternoon, according to a Reuter message.

Contrary to expectations, the Premier did not make a statement on the outcome of conversations between HERR RUDOLF HESS and MR. IVONE KIRKPATRICK, Director of the Foreign Division of the Ministry of Information and formerly of the British Embassy in Berlin.

Herr Hess, who is progressing satisfactorily in a military hospital, is reported to have asserted that "HARDSHIPS ARE BEING EXPERIENCED IN GERMANY AND THAT GREAT DISTRESS PREVAILS AMONG THE PEOPLE."

HESS HAD ENOUGH OF WAR

"The news about Herr Hess has not taken us very much further. Conjecture would be right as it should be in such a sensational development until the Prime Minister gives his statement," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

"But there are one or two things that strike us. Herr Hess told the Scottish ploughman that he had enough of the war and there was great distress in Germany owing to the British raids."

Maj. Murray added, that the story that Herr Hess was trying to get in touch with the Duke of Hamilton was ridiculous and it was unfortunate that suspicion should fall on the Duke whom the speaker knew personally.

It was rather rough luck on the Duke that Herr Hess should have landed on his estate. Herr Hess met the Duke at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

GREEKS HAVE CHINS UP

"How sad it is to think of Greece in the foul grip of the Gestapo when six months ago the Greeks had driven the Italians half-way across Albania," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

With the advent of the Germans, the people were facing starvation and the country was stripped of food for the Germans. The people of Greece were facing their ordeal with solemn determination but with their chins up.

"They show their feelings by singing their National Anthem with very special emphasis on the word liberty," concluded Major Murray.

Kowloon Bus Collision

A YOUNG CHINESE WOMAN is lying in the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition, with serious injuries to the forehead, as the result of a traffic mishap in Kowloon last night shortly after 11 o'clock.

THE ACCIDENT which occurred in Nathan Road, near Nelson Street, in the Mongkok district, was the result of a collision between private car No. 6314 and motorbus No. 840.

THE WOMAN'S NAME was given as Teow Sui-wan, aged 21 years. She was in the car and another passenger, a European, was also injured.

THE MISHAP occurred in the vicinity of the Kowloon Skating Rink.

Strong Reinforcements For Singapore

SINGAPORE, May 15 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that large numbers of troops from Britain have arrived yesterday afternoon, consisting of British Army, Air Force and Naval reinforcements.

The reinforcements, the official announcement adds, are army units which comprise the bulk of the forces and include all arms in the service, infantry, artillery and the A.S.C.

"In spite of the long voyage from England, the troops are all in good spirits and health. This movement is part of the policy of steadily increasing the defence forces in Malaya, which had been going on for some time."

The embarkation took place in Keppel harbour, one of the busiest sections in the Singapore waterfront, where American freighters could be seen discharging some of the new material which has come from the United States under the Lease and Lend Act.

REMARKABLY FIT
The troops all looked remarkably fit, despite the close confinement in the troopship. First to disembark, were a naval draft, followed by rammers who arrived to augment the already greatly increased air strength in this part of the world.

Last to disembark, were the army units which formed the bulk of the contingent. In view of the large numbers, these were unable to come ashore until Thursday morning.

Members of the Chinese Military mission, which is at present visiting Malaya, witnessed the disembarkation and later inspected the troopship.

During their visit in Malaya, the Chinese military mission were taken on an extensive tour of the whole peninsula from the Thailand border to the Singapore Island.

CHINESE IMPRESSED
They stated that they have been most impressed by the strength of the Malayan defences, particularly anti-aircraft. They were also impressed by the large variety of

It is reported that AIR COMMODORE THE DUKE OF HAMILTON, who is serving with the Royal Air Force and is the youngest holder of that rank, had a private conversation with the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer, under escort of

SEPARATE PEACE WITH SCOTLAND!

In the House of Commons yesterday, with reference to the flight of Herr Hess, MR. ARTHUR WOODBURN (Labour) asked:

"Is there any truth in the inference suggested by the German wireless that the intelligence department has created the impression in Germany that Scotland was ready to 'make a separate peace with Germany'?" (laughter).

THE PRIME MINISTER replied: "Whatever delusions may exist, that is not among them."

the military authorities, after which Herr Hess was taken to the hospital where he is now staying.

The Duke of Hamilton made the acquaintance of Herr Hess at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. Herr Hess landed on the Duke's estate in Scotland on Saturday. (See full report on Page 4).

Herr Hess, it is further reported, is stated to have talked freely about his adventure, and the events leading up to it.

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MOBILE HOSPITAL

DURBAN, May 15 (Reuter)—The American shipping firm, the Robin Line, has presented the South African Army with a mobile hospital of four vehicles for use in the Middle East.

The hospital, which cost £8,000, is equipped with an operating theatre, X-ray room and a sterilising room.

SYDNEY, May 15 (Reuter)—The Commonwealth Parliament has been summoned to meet on May 28.

LAMBETH PALACE, THE SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS, QUEEN'S HALL, OLD BAILEY, BEAUTIFUL WREN CHURCH DAMAGED IN RAIDS

LONDON, May 15 (British Wireless)—Among the famous London buildings damaged in recent air raids are LAMBETH PALACE, which is the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, ST. CLEMENTS, Dane church designed by Wren and historic for its connexion with the traditional nursery rhyme, the SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS and ST. JAMES'S PALACE, formal origin of all British diplomacy.

QUEEN'S HALL, well-known for promenade concerts, and the OLD BAILEY, headquarters of British criminal justice, are also on the growing list of buildings which have fallen victim to Nazi vandalism.

"The bomb damage to the actual fabric of Westminster Abbey was grievous, but certainly not irreparable, but the whole happening has been horrible and the only way to describe it is as obscene," declared the Dean of Westminster broadcasting on Thursday on the bombing, says Reuter.

The Salvation Army headquarters is today the scene of utter desolation. It is feared that all valuable records of the Army since its inception had gone.

The Salvation Army headquarters were opened by William Booth, in 1881. Some records in the strong room may be intact.

The gilded figure of Justice still stands watch over Britain's criminal courts of justice, but she looks down upon yet further damage to that already performed by German bombs in two previous raids.

The latest damage is to No. 2 Court, the scene of many famous trials, which is completely in ruins.

The beautiful Church of St. Clements was gutted by fire.

Nearly every musician of note has appeared on the Queenshall platform. It was there that Richard Strauss, one of the foremost living composers introduced himself to London audiences and Toscanini made his bow in 1930.

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Highly Successful Attack

MERCHANT SHIP HIT

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter)—Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a highly successful attack on an enemy convoy, south-bound in the Mediterranean during Monday night, announces the R.A.F. Headquarters here.

Hits were made on a 8,000-ton merchant ship and a destroyer. The merchant vessel blew up in a violent explosion and was destroyed. It was last seen with clouds of smoke pouring from it and the pilots confirm that this was not a smokescreen.

STILL ACTIVE

The South African Air Force is still active together with the R.A.F. in Abyssinia, where, on Monday, Fort Amba Alagi and the enemy positions around it were bombed and machine-gunned.

Three French aircraft successfully bombed and machine-gunned the aerodrome at Gondar.

Two R.A.F. machines are missing from these widespread operations, but the pilot of one is safe.

BATTLES IN CHEKIANG AND HUPEH

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central)—Fighting south of Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway increased in violence yesterday, according to field dispatches from the Chekiang front.

About 3,000 Japanese troops, taking a thrust toward Hengshan-shih, to the east of the railway were held in check by the Chinese to the northwest of the town. Another 3,000 Japanese troops driving down the railway from Fattowchen were heavily engaged by the Chinese at Huanan, a station south.

After being halted for two days, the Japanese driving southward from Tsaofo to the west of the railway called in reinforcements yesterday and advanced to Wang-shassu. The Chinese retired to Fuchol, south of Wangshassu, where they are holding out.

GRIM BATTLES

On the east bank of the Han River in Hupeh the Chinese and Japanese are still locked in grim battles. On the morning of May 12 a Japanese unit sailing forth from Fengloho, about 30 miles of Chungshiang, was repulsed. Launching a counter attack from Sien-chu and Wangshassu, the Chinese wrested back Changshoutien, southeast of Fengloho.

Chinese troops were sent in pursuit of the Japanese pushing southward from the Sianyang-Huayuan highway. On May 11 and 12 they evicted the Japanese who had entered Tanchiatien, Tapingien and Tsingtam. The Japanese retreated to Huanantchen, northwest of Sushien, where the Chinese are closing in.

VICEROY'S WAR FUND

SIMLA, May 15 (Reuter)—The Council of the Mining Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India at Calcutta, subscribed £750 to the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund. The money has been allocated to the purchase of amenities for the troops.

The Municipal Board of Muzaffarnagar in the United Provinces, contributed £375 to the Fund.

French Give Germans Use Of Syrian Aerodromes

It is learned authoritatively that the French authorities in Syria are allowing the Germans to use Syrian aerodromes as "stepping stones" for flights to Iraq, says Reuter.

The British Government has consequently given full authority for action to be taken against the German aircraft on the Syrian aerodromes.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether it was not a fact that the French mandate over Syria no longer existed, as Vichy was not a member of the League of Nations, Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, agreed that that was so and said that there was certainly some force in the suggestion.

Herr Hitler is believed to have offered to hand back Paris to France in return for closer collaboration according to the DAILY MAIL correspondent on the French frontier.

FELT VERY SOON—
"Collaboration between France and Germany has gone a step further and we are told that the negotiations which have taken place will make themselves felt very soon," remarked MAJ. ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. commentator, in a broadcast from London last night.

"The terms of the agreement as issued by Vichy try to make out that it was clearly of an economic character and this makes it apparent that some agreement of a military nature is behind it."

There is almost certainly one condition, announced which gives

Today's News Summary

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, admitted that when he was first told of the news of the landing in Scotland by parachute of Herr Hess, Deputy Nazi Fuehrer, he did not believe it. Mr. Churchill, contrary to expectations, did not reveal the outcome of conversations between Herr Hess and Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick, of the Ministry of Information, who had been deputed to interview the injured Nazi official in a hospital.

TO THE GROWING LIST of famous buildings that have fallen victim to Nazi vandalism are added Lambeth Palace, residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, St. James's Palace, Queen's Hall, the Salvation Army Headquarters and the Old Bailey, where No. 2 Court, scene of many famous trials, was completely ruined.

IT IS REPORTED THAT the French authorities in Syria have given permission to the Germans to use bases in Syria. These will be "stepping stones" for attacks on Iraq. The British Government have taken appropriate measures to attack the aerodromes in Syria.

MORE NAVAL, MILITARY, and air reinforcements have arrived at Singapore, it is officially announced.

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MR. JOHNSON CONFIDENT OF CHINA'S FUTURE

RETIRED AMBASSADOR LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING FAMILY

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN AT THE OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL yesterday, MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON, the retiring American Ambassador to China, said that he did not know of anyone to whom he would have preferred to turn over his duties than to MR. CLARENCE E. GAUS.

The new U.S. Ambassador to Chungking, Mr. Johnson said, had lived many years in China, was widely travelled in the country and had long experience of diplomacy in the Far East.

Mr. Johnson said he would remain in Hongkong for a few days to await the arrival of Mr. Gauss, who is expected on Saturday, and would travel to Washington by Clipper, later proceeding to Australia where he will succeed Mr. Gauss as U.S. Minister to the Australian Commonwealth.

When he first visited China 34 years ago, Mr. Johnson said, it had taken him 14 months to come out here. He hoped to reach America by the end of the month, and this was eloquent comment on the progress made in recent years in the speed of transportation.

C.N.A.C. PRAISED

Speaking of his trip here by C.N.A.C. plane, Mr. Johnson went on to say that he must express his admiration for the efficiency of this service, an efficiency that could not but be appreciatively commented upon.

Speaking of China and his long sojourn in the country, Mr. Johnson said: "China has been a second home to me. I was married here, my sons were born here, and I am leaving here many friends. Under such circumstances, one can only feel he is breaking ties that are very close."

As to the future, I am looking forward to joining my family in Washington and will take them with me to Australia. My boys are growing up fast, and I am looking forward to seeing more of them while they are doing so."

PLEASANT MEMORIES

He had visited Australia once before, in 1925, Mr. Johnson continued, when he had inspected the U.S. Consulate there, and he recalled with pleasure memories of that visit.

Asked about the recent decision of the Chinese Government to send a Minister to Australia, Mr. Johnson said he was looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting his Chinese colleague in Australia but was unaware, as yet, of who the Minister would be.

Mr. Johnson concluded by remarking that he left Chungking with the greatest feeling of admiration for the fine leadership that had seen China through the war years and he was fully confident of China's future.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Mr. Chan Pui, student, of No. 9 Hak Po Street, and Miss Cheung Wai-han, of No. 386 Reclamation Street;

Mr. Lai Shue-tong, Assistant manager of the Great Eastern Hotel, and residing at No. 29 Hee Weng Terrace, third floor, and Miss Kwok Sun-tak, clerk, of No. 5 Giamplan Road;

Mr. Wong Tak-yau, preacher, of No. 472 Chatham Road, and Miss Ko Foon-cheung, midwife, of No. 10 Chi Wo Street, second floor; Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiated at the first ceremony while the other two were officiated by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage of Sydney Croft, Royal Marine, H. M. S. Tamar, and Miss Lee Fung-chung, of No. 130 Gloucester Road, was announced yesterday.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming 5.30 p.m.—10 p.m.

TOMORROW
LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Recreation "A" v. Police R.C., Craigengower v. Kowloon F.C., Civil Service v. Recreation "B", Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A", Kowloon Dockers R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Second Division: Re-

creation v. Prison O.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Kowloon C.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Talkoo R.C. v. Craigengower, Third Division: Craigengower v. Indian R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon F.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Recreation R.C. v. Hongkong Electric.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

ATHLETICS.—Chinese Amateur Club v. The Army (Caroline Hill) 3 p.m.

Lawn Bowls Teams For Tomorrow

The following Lawn Bowls teams have been selected for tomorrow:—

K.R.G.C.

"A" First Division (v. Indian R.C. Away)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeil, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. Sheriff (Skip).

"B" First Division (Kowloon Dockers Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levet and R. Duncan (Skip).
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, H. Lockhart and J. McKelvie (Skip).
E. Scard, G. W. Leeson, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (Skip).

Third Division (v. Kowloon F.C. Home)

J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).
H. Bicknell, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).
J. S. Dinnen, C. E. Langley, G. E. F. Thompson and D. W. Waterton (Skip).

POLICE

First Division (v. Club de Recreio Away)

W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
G. Perkins, W. M. Smith, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip).
C. Gough, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Mair (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Electric Home)

G. Davies, E. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).
A. Soutar, C. Wilcox, F. Nolan and J. McDonald (Skip).
J. Hayward, J. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. H.K.C.C. Away)

H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip).
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v. Kowloon Tong G.O.A. Home)

J. G. Haigh, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip).
G. G. Aitkenhead, L. A. R. Duncan, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip).
R. R. Davies, E. Hosper, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Reserves—P. S. Cassidy and T. C. Monaghan.

Friendly (v. Kowloon Football Club Away)

A. McKellar, P. Morrison, Dr. D. J. Valentine and B. J. Lacon (Skip).
E. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip).
H. A. Angus, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and J. B. Gilroy (Skip).

Reserves—E. A. R. Fowles and W. J. Hansen.

K.C.C.

First Division (v. Craigengower C.C. Away)

W. Mulcahy, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip).
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fletcher (Skip).

A. E. P. Giest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).

Second Division (v. Hongkong Football Club Home)

A. C. Tribble, G. W. Bowden, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).
T. R. Hunter, A. H. Martin, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadow (Skip).
R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overy and T. W. Carr (Skip).

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.C.C. Away)

J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip).

R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brookbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip).

Third Division (v. Club de Recreio Home)

A. Bailey, J. M. Thomson, B. J. Bickford and J. Russell (Skip).
S. Carr, F. Fitzpatrick, S. Strange and P. Morgan (Skip).

E. Casey, J. R. Barnes, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip).

H.K.E.C.

Third Division (v. Police Recreation Club, Away)

W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Romie (Skip).

R. A. Owens, E. L. Groomie, A. G. Gardner and A. P. Paul (Skip).

A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).

T.D.R.C.

Second Division (v. Craigengower C.C. Home)

E. E. Wilson, W. Cunningham, T. F. Stainton and J. A. Watson (Skip).
A. MacArthur, D. Coull, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip).

CROSSWORD NO. 886

ACROSS

1 Scandinavian territorial division

4 Who was the leader of the Popular Front in France?

8 Organ of smell

13 Constellation

19 Uncivilised tribes of Japan

14 Very black

15 Mature person

17 Like ink

19 First note in Guido's scale

20 Anger

21 Roman highway

22 Consumed

23 Possessive pronoun

24 Encourage

25 Industrial region of Germany

26 Brother of Odin

27 Roman poet

28 Refuse of grapes

29 Who was the companion of Athos and Porthos?

31 Oriental salutation

33 River growth

34 On one's guard

35 Universal language

36 Young salmon

37 Like an elongated fish

38 Small bed

39 Indefinite number

40 Child

41 Wofframite

42 Concerning

43 Jump

44 God of love

45 Who was the friend of Othello?

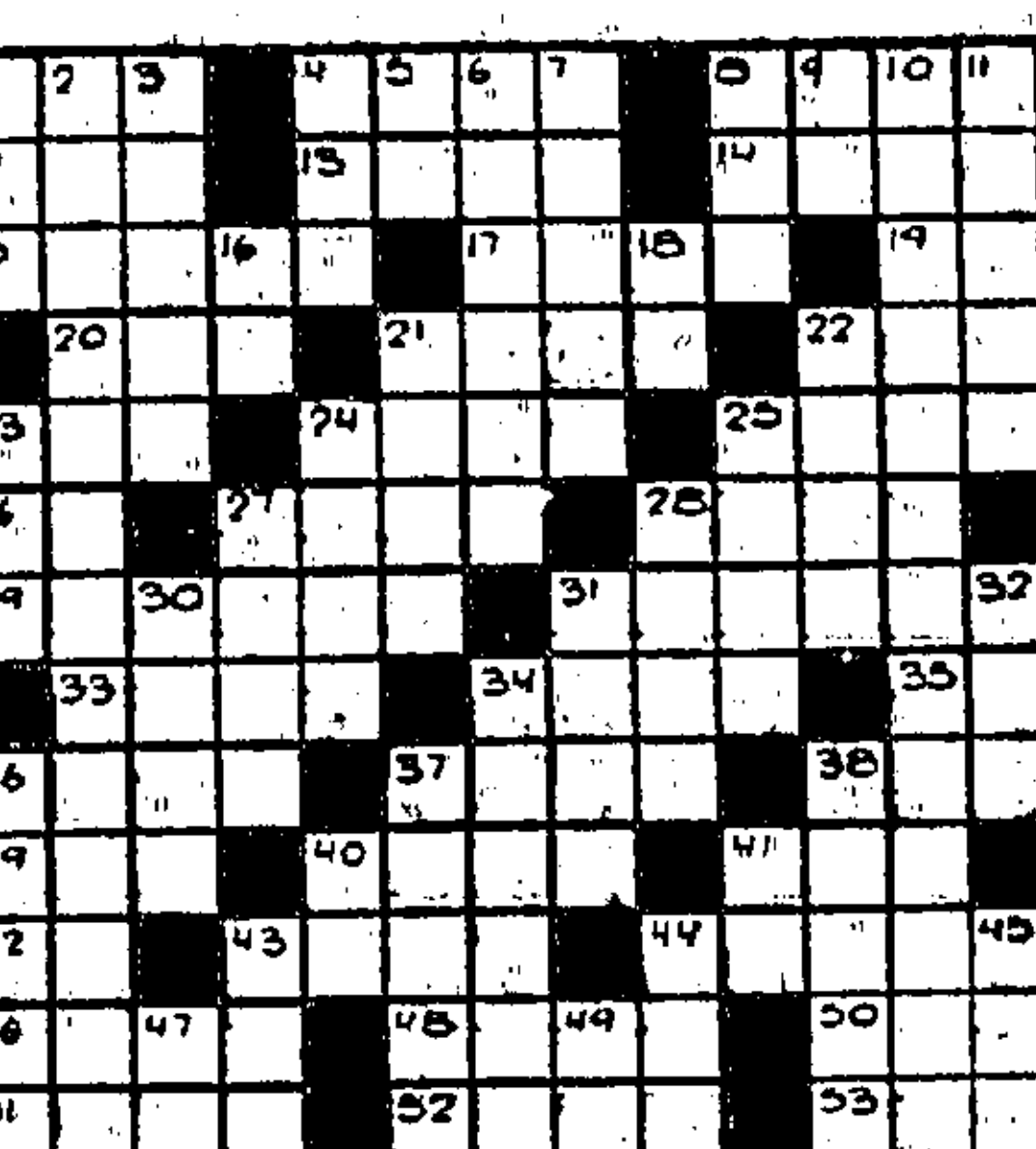
48 Alone

50 Number

51 Crystallised vapor

52 Enough (poetic)

53 Negative vote



46 Who was the

21 Large wading bird

22 Subtle emanation

23 Yellow bugle

24 Eager

25 Sound resulting from a respiratory disease

27 Hebrew measure

28 Who is the Dowager Queen of England?

30 A nest

31 Sodium chloride

32 Witicism

34 Instrument of offence or defence

36 In what city is the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame?

37 Rub out

38 Love letter

40 Exist

41 Cubic (abbr.)

43 Moe

44 Depress with fear

45 A ruler of Tunis

47 Move

49 Behold

SOLUTION TOMORROW

Solution No. 885

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ADIT PAVEULE

GENERATE PLEA

TREAT NEATER

SALLY TAGAR

PLAY GLISTENS

OATBRINE FLAW

TREBLING FLAVA

TRUNK MONEY

REWARD ROWN

AWAY TIRONICAL

NEFTS NOB NAVY

ART TOGETHGLE

FREE FRENCH MEET IN SINGAPORE

Trained volunteers en route to join the Free French forces, policemen from Shanghai and some of the crew of the French gun-boat Francis Garnier, on which M. Egal, Shanghai Free French leader, has been imprisoned, attended the Free French meeting held at the Adelphi Hotel, Singapore.

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The Cottage Club's last paper hunt of the season will take place on Saturday evening, starting at 5.30 p.m. from a point near San Tin Village near the entrance to Sunny Farm.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 5 p.m.

After the hunt, an open-air barbecue will be held in the Club grounds for Members and their friends.

NEW THRUST

"We have a trial at hand; at each new thrust we must say 'no.' We do not accept an armistice, we do not accept defeat or the breaking of alliances. Nor do we accept collaboration with detested enemies. When we refuse to accept defeat, it is not mere obstinacy, but faith."

It is because we do not want the life Hitler plans for us; it is because we remain faithful, because we have chosen to fight to the end at the side of our English friends, because we believe with all our cause is just, that we have a great leader and that all that is best in the world is with us."

M. Baron concluded that the war effort of the Free French must be continuous and they must always strive to do more.

FRIENDLY MATCH

In a friendly match against the H.K.C.C. the Kowloon F.C. will be represented by the following:—A. Lapsley, V. Attienza, V. Chittenden, W. C. Field (skip), W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern, P. Youngshus-band (skip), T. Ferguson, A. A. Dand, C. Downman, W. Simpson (skip).

NEWMARKET STAKES

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Orthodox (7/2) won the Newmarket Stakes yesterday, beating Sunny Island (7/1) by a head. A neck separated Starwort (10/1) from the two leaders. Twelve ran.



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NORWEGIAN PEOPLE FIND NEW POWERS OF RESISTANCE

What stands out most strikingly from the situation in Norway after one year of foreign domination is the fact that Norwegians are more united now than ever before and that Norway is entirely unconquered and unbroken. In spite of destruction and violence, want and privation, people of all social levels are determined that Norse civilisation shall not go under.

This determination is reflected in countless ways and has given rise not only to scores of demonstrations in all parts of the country but to the following significant acts by various individuals and groups:—

THE JUDICIARY

The resignation of the entire Supreme Court of Norway on Dec. 12, 1940, marked the end of a long period of conflict between the high court and the Nazi authorities. The Justices unanimously declared that since these authorities refused to recognise the judicial power of review granted by the Constitution of Norway, it was useless for conscientious judges to remain in the Supreme Court.

THE CHURCH

The courageous action of the seven Bishops of the Church of Norway in leading the opposition of Christians against the attempted Nazification of Norway aroused wide enthusiasm throughout the world. On Jan. 15, 1941, the Bishops requested the puppet-head of the Church and Education Department to 'clarify' his attitude towards the Church. Receiving an unsatisfactory reply to this request, they sent a new manifesto early in February repeating previous charges that the Nazi regime was both lawless and Godless, and expressing themselves in such phrases as: "The Church can never be silenced... We feel it our duty to let the authorities hear clear and loud the voice of the Church."

Specifically the Bishops condemned the action of Storm Troopers in taking the law into their own hands, and the Nazi ruling which sought to destroy the age-old right of secrecy of the clergy in matters concerning their parishioners.

THE POLICE

On the shoulders of Norwegian police forces has fallen the difficult task of co-operating with enemy authorities while at the same time trying to protect their fellow-countrymen from crime and violence. But when these policemen were ordered not to interfere with anything the Storm Troopers chose to do and to give the Nazi salute when on duty, a great many of them refused to resign. In Oslo 100 officers refused to go on duty until they were threatened with transportation to concentration camps in Germany, while in Kristiansand 59 out of a force of 82 resigned rather than obey Nazi rulings. In other cities the police forces have continued to function, even under the difficult conditions imposed by the occupation authorities; it is better, they say, to have Norwegians than Nazis as policemen.

FARMERS AND WORKING MEN
Two items will suffice to show how the farmers are receiving the "New Order" in Norway: (a) Mr. Johan Melbye, veteran farm leader and president of the Norwegian Farmers Association, was removed from office and placed under arrest by order of the German Reichskommissar in March after Melbye had steadfastly refused to obey orders from the Nazi minister of agriculture. (b) The Nazi party organ, Free People, devoted a recent editorial to the stubborn re-

frusal of Norwegian farmers to accept the new situation and proposed as a solution that they be "sent to concentration camps along with the Jews."

As for Norwegian workers, they have time and time again showed their resistance to the Germans and their contempt for the Quislings by word and deed. From practical jokes at expense of visiting Nazi lecturers to near-riots and acts of sabotage, workers in all trades and industries have made it clear—at the risk of their lives—that they intend to resist Nazification to the utmost. One local union expressed this intention forcibly by refusing, in the proportion of 5000 to 18, a proposed vote of loyalty to a newly-appointed Nazi labour official in their national organisation.

SPORTSMEN

In the world of sports there has been a nation-wide rebellion against the enforced Nazi reorganisation of the formerly democratic associations of skiers and of other sports groups. When the duly elected leaders were replaced by minor puppets of the Quisling regime, thousands upon thousands of young Norwegians showed their displeasure and contempt by refusing to participate in athletic competitions. Thus there was no team representing Norway at the World's Championship Ski Contest at Corina d'Ampezzo nor one at Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany. Most significant of all, the traditional ski-jumping contests at Holmenkollen, outside of Oslo, were a complete fiasco this year.

H.K. STUDENTS TO SEND LETTER TO ROOSEVELT
One hundred thousand Chinese youths in Hongkong, mostly students will sign their names on a letter to be addressed to President Roosevelt and the American people thanking them for their efforts in organising a nation-wide "China Week" campaign in the United States beginning on May 18 with a view to strengthening public opinion in support of the Aid-China policy.

Preparations are being made by the Hongkong Committee for Student Relief, Christian Students Federation, Chinese Youth Association, Chinese Universities Club and other youth organisations. The letter will be despatched before May 20.

It may be recalled that the students and Chinese faculty members of the Lingnan University a few days ago sent a letter to President Roosevelt expressing gratitude.

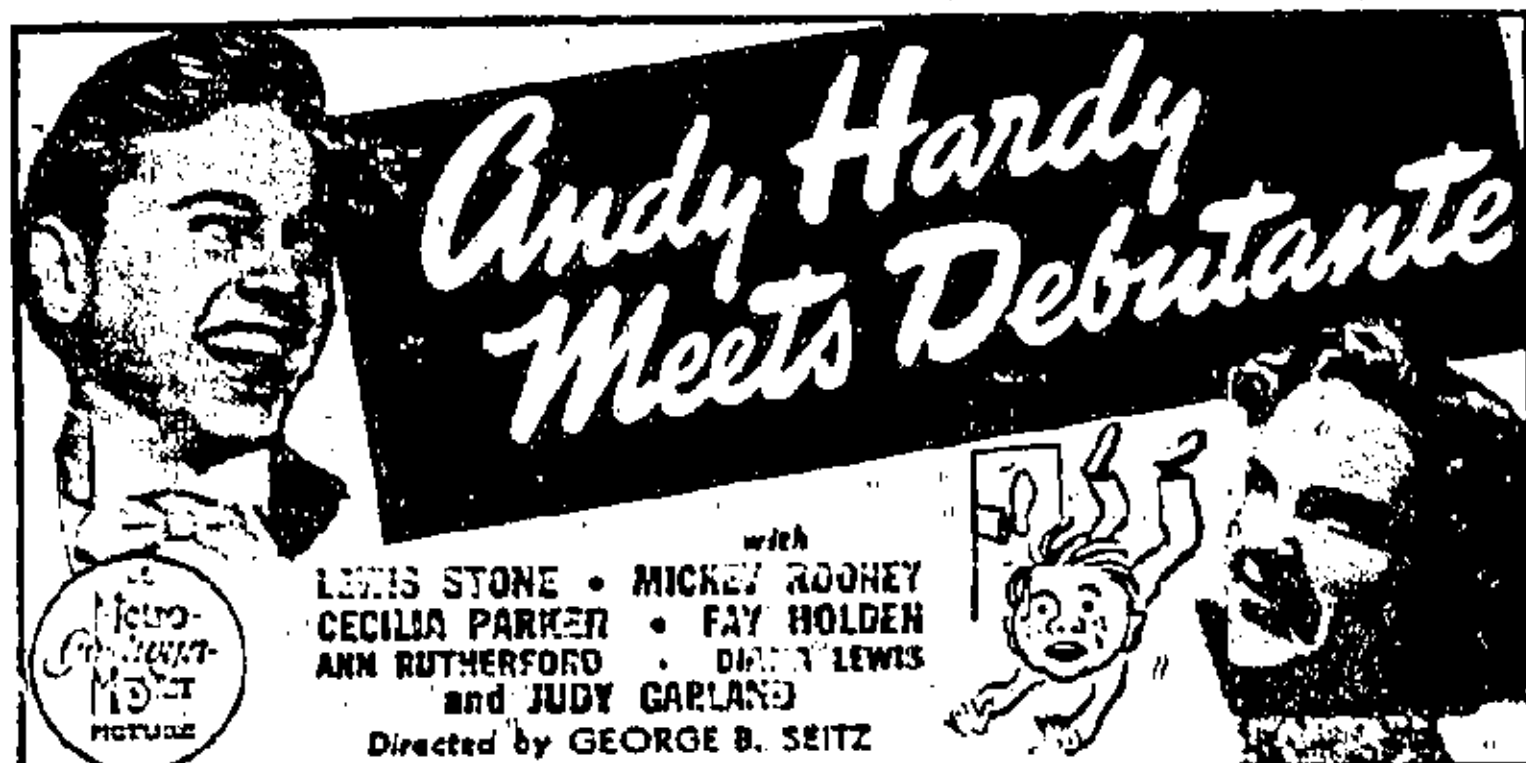
MAGISTRATE DETAINED

A Chinese magistrate of Enping has been detained by order of General Li Han-yun, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, on charges of corruption, and delinquencies. (Central News).

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COMING EVENTS

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16—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 12.28 p.m. Low: 5.59 a.m. and 7.51 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. C. I. Gallot due.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. R. M. McLav due.

Annual Meeting of China Emporium, Ltd., Queen's Road Central 4 p.m.
Chero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

La Salle Old Boys' Assen. Lecture, "Lighter Shades in Education," 8 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, D.O. South 11 a.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs., Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.

War-time Intercession Service, St. Andrew's Church, 6.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

First Aid Lecture, Little Flower Club, King's Park, 5.45 p.m.

17—Tides: High 3.19 a.m. and 1.23 p.m. Low: 6.24 a.m. and 8.56 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.
H.K. and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Company's Offices, Jordan Road, Ferry Pier, 11 a.m.

Far East Flying Training School Students' Union, Graduation Tea Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

Entries Close for "Show Jumping Competition" of H.K. Polo Club, Gynkhana, noon.

Chinese Australasian Assn. Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Canton Women's International Club, H.K. Branch, Meeting Golden City Restaurant.

Lecture: Dr. Clift on "Prophecy," 77 Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.30 p.m.

18—Tides: High 4.30 a.m. and 2.23 p.m. Low: 7.31 a.m. and 9.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Takoo Range, Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

19—Tides: High 5.32 a.m. and 3.54 p.m. Low: 8.32 a.m. and 10.53 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.
H.K. Amateur Cinema Club Film Show, European Y.M.C.A. West Lounge, 7 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 5.21 p.m. Low: 11.25 a.m. and 11.29 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assen. Lecture, "Religion and Life," 8 p.m.

H.K. Police Reserve Tea Party to Commissioner of Police, H.K. Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn. Meeting, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.57 a.m. and 6.35 p.m. Low: 12.36 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, talk by Brig. Darby, 8.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Social Club, 8.45 p.m.

"SON OF MONTE CRISTO"

An exciting and dramatic event in the history of motion pictures takes place today at the Majestic Theatre, where Edward Small's production of "The Son of Monte Cristo" is unveiled as one of the outstanding screen hits of the current season.

Directed by the brilliantly talented Rowland V. Lee, who previously gave film fans the extremely successful "The Count of Monte Cristo," the new Small picture easily scores as entertainment plus.

"The Son of Monte Cristo" is not only excellently and thrillingly staged, it is acted by a cast of top-notch actors who were chosen carefully for their special talents. Heading the line-up are Louis Hayward and Joan Bennett, who play the starring roles, while featured in their support are George Sanders, Florence Bates, Lionel Royce, Clayton Moore, Montague Love and many others.

Additional reasons for chalking up a perfect score for "The Son of Monte Cristo" are its beautiful costuming and settings, its expert photography, and its unusual lighting effects.

NEW DIRECTOR

The National Government in a mandate announced the appointment of Mr. Wang Hsin-chow to be Director of Social Education of the Ministry of Education (Central News).

Radio Programmes

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WHY NOT "MIDDLE-BROW"?
TALK BY DR. W. LOVELOCK

"La Traviata," Act 2
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal and Piano).

Hutch Medley — Intro: My Heart Stood Still; Let's fall in Love: What is this thing called Love?; The wind in the willows: With a Song in my Heart; That's Love; Love: Life is just a Bowl of Cherries; Without a Song; One morning in May; Let's call it a Day; I've got to sing a Torch Song; Happy go lucky; You, Night and Day; My Darling; Dusty Shadows; Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent-Bennett); Back to those Happy Days (Nicholls).

12.45 Al Bollington at the Organ.
Bell Medley — Intro: Bells across the Meadow (Ketelbey); Monastery Bells (Wey); Voice of the Bells (Thurman); Fire Bell (Kempinski); Legend of the Bells (Planquette); The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams) with Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra. Once in a While (Green-Edwards); "Rosa-lee" — Selection (Cole Porter).

1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 A Haydn Programme.

Minuet in C Sharp Minor; Chain of Waltzes — Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord); Symphony in G Major, "Military" — 1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro; 2nd Mov. Allegretto; 3rd Mov. Menuetto (Moderato); 4th Mov. Finale (Presto) — Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots — Bewitched (from "Pal Joey"); My Ship (from "Lady in the Dark"); Bob Chester and his Orch. Waltz — Kisses in the Dark; Fox-Trot — Now it can be Told (film "Alexander's Ragtime Band") — Alex. Moore presents Mantovani's Orch. for Dancing. Fox-Trot — We've come a long way together; Quick-Step — Whishing (film "Love Affairs") — Jack Harris and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot — Merry and Bright; Polka — Keep Young — George Boulanger and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot — I Gotta See a Dream About a Girl — Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

2.15 Close Down.
2.45 "Indian Programme."
3.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The New Light Symphony Orchestra with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing) — New Light Symphony Orchestra. "Lifes Great Sunset (Eumett Adams); For England (Brandon and Murray) — Raymond Newell (Baritone) with instrumental accomp. "Jewels of the Madonna" — Intermezzo (Wolf-Ferrari) — New Light Symphony Orchestra. Follow me 'ome — A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling, Ward-Higgs) — Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orch. "The Dubarry" — Selection — New Light Symphony Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay — The News.
7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Tchaikowsky — "Casse Noisette" Suite, Op. 71A.
Miniature Overture — March — Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Russian Dance — Arab Dance — Chinese Dance; Dance of the Flutes; Waltz of the Flowers — Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

7.53 Two Short Piano Pieces played by Walter Gieseking.
Serenade Op. 17, No. 2 (R. Strauss); Reverie (Debussy).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II.
With Lionello Cecil, Mercedes Capri, Ida Conti, Carlo Galeffi, Baccaloni, Villa, Nessi, Baiacchi and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay — The News and News Commentary.
9.15 Studio — Why not "Middle-Brow"?

Talk by Dr. William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music, illustrated by Gramophone records.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Songs by Josephine Baker and Frank Crumit.

Antonio Pasquale Ramonico (Crumit): Wrap me up in my tarasquin jacket (Whyte and others) — Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Guitar. La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine and others); Josephine Baker; J'ai Deux Amours (Roger and others); Josephine Baker & Adrien Lamy with Melodie Jazz du Casino de Paris. No News — Frank Crumit.

10.00 London Relay — O. M. Green's Newsletter.

10.15 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots — Alouette; School Days — Horace Heidt and his Orchestra "Pasodoble — Nino de Jerez; Rumba — Maracas (from "Cuban Suite") — Tejada & his Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot — Sarai; Sarah; Fox-Trot — We'll go smiling along (from "Top of the World") — Harry Roy and his Band. Quick-Step — Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World"); Waltz — Love Stay in my Heart (from "Top of the World") — Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orch. Blues — Volterline Blues; Swing — Skaters' Waltz in Swingtime — Bob Crosby and his Orch. Fox-Trots — Pimpinello (film "Music in my Heart"); Oh! What a Lovely Dream (film "Music in my Heart") — Freddy Martin and his Orchestra. Tango Medley — Intro: Rosita (Du Pont); Jealousy (Gade); Julian (Dmato) — Joe Loss and his Band. Fox-Trots — No Souvenirs; Don't Make me Laugh — Jack White and his Band.

11.00 Close Down.

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Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission V — News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
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do. 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III — News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

CHINESE ENVOY TO VICHY

DR. WEI TAO-MING
EN ROUTE TO H.K.

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central) — Dr. Wei Tao-ming, newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to Vichy, left yesterday for Hong Kong by plane. He will remain in the British Colony for two weeks and then return to Chungking and set out for Vichy via Moscow. He expects to meet the new Foreign Minister Dr. Quo Tai-chi either in Hongkong or Chungking before leaving for his new post.

Dr. T. P. Tsiang, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow and now Director of the Political Affairs Department of the Executive Yuan, is acting temporarily as concurrent Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan which post has been vacated by Dr. Wei Tao-ming, pending the formal appointment of a successor which is expected.

SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuter) — Clarification of the uncertain Soviet-United States relations is believed imminent with the arrangement of an afternoon conference between Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky — their first for over a year.

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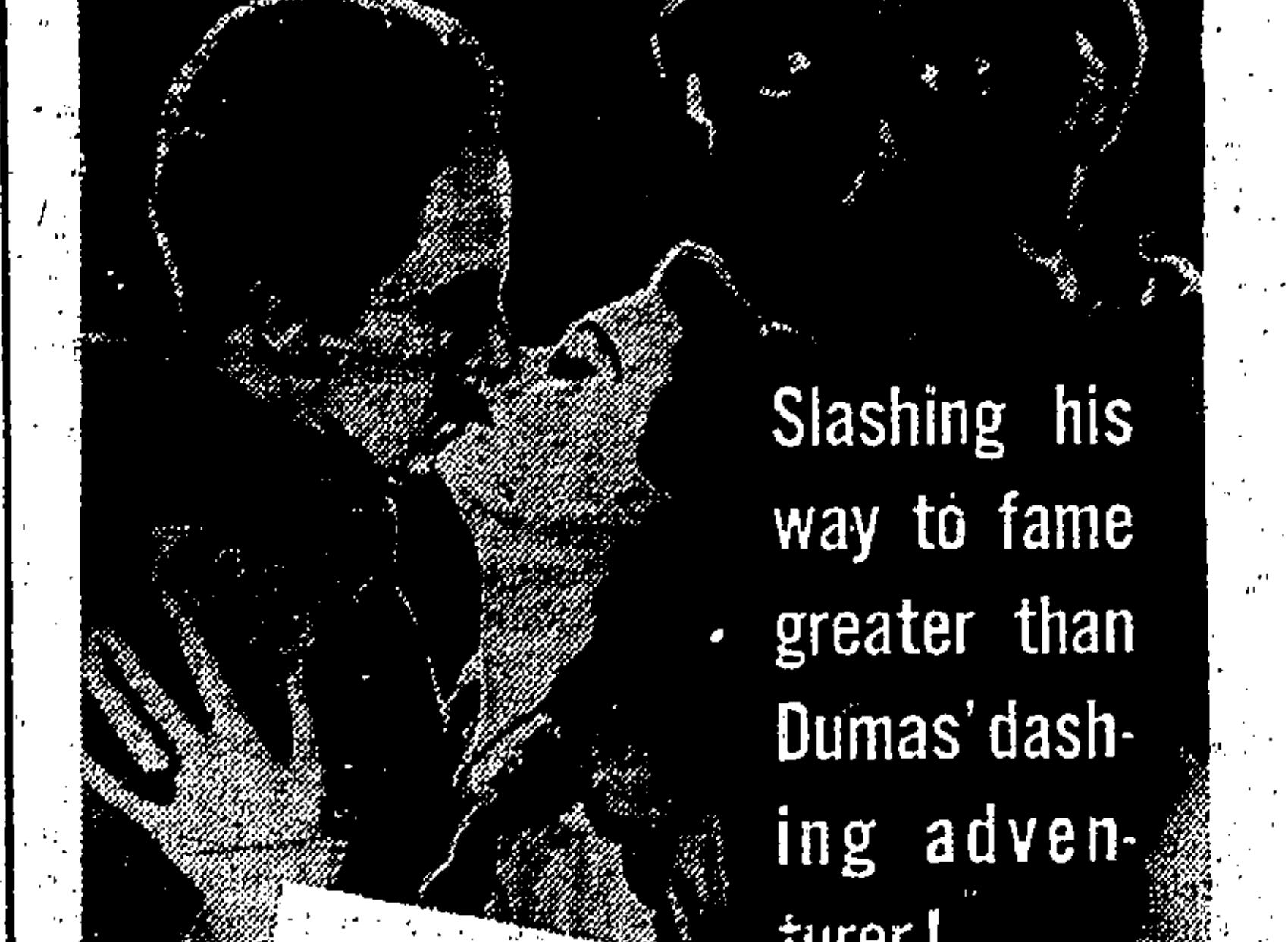
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HESS CLAIMS HAS VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR THE OVERTHROW OF NAZISM

ESTATE OF DUKE OF HAMILTON OBJECTIVE OF DRAMATIC FLIGHT

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Rings in blue pencil on Rudolf Hess' map on which Hess plotted his course from Augsburg to Scotland was the dual seat of the Duke of Hamilton in Lanarkshire.

When in the gathering dusk on Saturday night Hess made his dramatic crash landing some eight miles from Glasgow, the first thing he asked was the way to Dungavel. He had mistaken a large house which he sighted as the mansion he was seeking and, failing to find a suitable landing ground, he decided to descend by parachute.

COMBATING THE NIGHT BOMBER MENACE

Significant Rise In Curve Of Victories

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The progress of research in combating the night bombing menace was mentioned by the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, in a speech in London yesterday.

On the subject of night fighters, Mr. Morrison declared: "There have been great achievements. I am told that research and development have gone as far in this last 10 months as they would have done in 10 years of normal peacetime, so that today those who know best think that in night interception we are rather more than a shade ahead of the enemy."

While warning against hasty conclusions from recent successes, Mr. Morrison claimed nevertheless "the significant thing is the steady and consistent rise in the curve of victories since the dark times of winter."

Enemy Armed Cruiser Sunk

Successful Operations Of Navy And R.A.F.

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Enemy shipping was continually attacked by units of the British Fleet and R.A.F. during the week ending May 12.

At least 12 vessels, ranging from an armed merchant cruiser (sunk by H.M.S. Cornwall in the Indian Ocean) to patrol vessels destroyed off the coasts of Norway, Holland, France and Germany, were sunk or rendered total losses.

Five supply ships with an estimated tonnage of 18,000 tons were sunk and at least six others were severely damaged.

During the attack by British naval forces on Benghazi Harbour on May 8, an enemy ammunition ship of between 5,000 and 6,000 tons was blown to pieces and a supply ship of 3,000 tons was sunk in the same engagement, while a further bombardment from point blank range on the night of May 10 caused more damage to enemy shipping and military objectives.

WARSHIPS BOMBED

The R.A.F. made two more successful attacks on the battle-cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, at Brest on the nights of May 3 and 7, and it is certain that direct hits with powerful armour-piercing bombs were obtained.

On May 11, the German merchant vessel, Coburg, of 11,400 tons, which has been acting as a supply ship to a German raider in the Indian Ocean, and the Norwegian tanker, "Ketty Brovig," of 7,000 tons, captured by the raider, were intercepted by the Australian warship Canberra and H.M.S. Leander.

A number of Norwegians and Chinese were rescued and 18 German officers and 47 ratings were taken prisoner.

SUIYUAN CANALS

SUIYUAN, May 15 (Central).—Twenty-three canals have been repaired in west Suiyuan by Chinese soldiers. Over 100,000 soldiers were mobilised for the work which took only half a month.

In recognition of their beneficial service the Suiyuan Provincial Government has appropriated \$50,000 to be distributed to the troops responsible for the repairs and the farmers are also sending gifts to them.

Despite his damaged ankle, he wanted to be taken to the Duke's house which he thought was nearby.

According to McLean, the ploughmen who found him, Hess did not say why he wanted to see the Duke, but obviously he was very anxious to do so.

It is recalled in an official German news agency broadcast yesterday that Hess met the Duke of Hamilton at the Olympic Games of 1936 which were held in Berlin.

A statement, authorised in Germany, says that the documents left behind by Hess revealed that he wanted to meet the Duke of Hamilton in order to attempt to effect a peace between Germany and England. Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent learnt.

In connection with this message, it can now be revealed that Hess made an attempt to communicate with the Duke of Hamilton by letter some months previously. The Duke immediately placed the letter in the hands of the British security authorities and no reply was made to Hess.

The Duke had met Hess on one or two occasions before the war in connexion with sporting matters in which both were interested.

VALUABLE INFORMATION

Hess is alleged to have said that when the Duke was the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale he knew him well and that he had flown to Scotland and made his estate his objective as he had valuable information to give to the Duke.

This information, Hess said, would be of great use to the British in overthrowing the tyranny that now prevails in the Reich.

Hess averred that he had made the most painstaking preparations for his flight from Germany. This statement was borne out by the maps he had used for navigation, on all of which the Duke's estates were ringed in circle.

It was a tribute to Hess' capabilities as a pilot that he should arrive in Scotland and land at a point in such close proximity to his objective.

France's Place In The New Europe Of Germany, Italy

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Well-informed circles in Vichy are of the opinion that the Franco-German discussions have covered a wider field than mere economic matters and that they have not yet reached the final stages, reports the Swiss radio.

The negotiations, it is said, dealt with France's place in the new Europe of Germany and Italy.

It is also reported that the Armistice Clause will be revised and that a new demarcation line will be established between the Occupied and Unoccupied zones.

Nothing definite is yet known of French concessions to Berlin but the main German idea seems to be to oppose the Anglo-Saxon industrial bloc by a European industrial bloc in which French metallurgical and mining industries would play an important part.

The recent meeting between Hitler and Admiral Darlan took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the Swiss radio quoting Vichy reports.

Herr von Ribbentrop and Field Marshal Keitel were present.

Admiral Darlan arrived by special train from Paris, accompanied by the Nazi Ambassador there, Herr Otto Abetz, and Commandant Fontaine of the French Ministry of Marine.

The Swiss announcer stated that it had been unofficially stated in Vichy that Admiral Darlan would have a fresh meeting with a "high German personality" with the view to putting into operation the agreement already reached in principle.

GOVERNOR OF GIB.

GIBRALTAR, May 15 (Reuter).—The new Governor of Gibraltar, General Lord Gort, assumed command yesterday and took the oath of allegiance at Government House.

NUISANCE RAIDERS

BOMBS DROPPED IN EASTERN ENGLAND

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at points on the south coast, in East Midlands and in eastern England yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique.

Little damage was done and the number of casualties was small.

The total of planes destroyed in daylight on Sunday, May 11, is now stated as six and anti-aircraft guns have claimed additional successes.

One bomber was brought down over England on Tuesday night.

FREE FRENCHMEN DEMONSTRATE

SYDNEY, May 15 (Reuter).—A cable from General de Gaulle was read at a large meeting of the Free French, urging redoubled attacks on Vichy and declaring that Admiral Darlan is France's Quisling agent for Germany.

M. Brenac, the local Free French leader, said that the Free French in Australia were with the French people in the struggle against Germany.

There were emotional scenes at the meeting and cries of "Vive la France!" and "Vive l'Australie!"

IRAQI TRIBAL CHIEFS NOT IN FAVOUR OF USURPER'S POLICY

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—Reports from Iraq show that not a single tribal chief is among the persons who have sent telegrams of congratulations to Raschid Ali in connexion with his anti-British movement.

The only prominent Iraqi personality who has expressed sympathy with the movement was Na Suwaidi, brother of the former Foreign Minister, Tewfik Suwaidi. All the others abstained.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NYASALAND

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—"If the Nazis won, hope of civilisation in Africa would be at an end and its peoples would be thrown back into slavery under German task-masters," declared the Colonial Secretary, Lord Moyne, broadcasting in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Nyasaland Protectorate.

Lord Moyne said that men from all parts of Africa had been fighting like lions in the Empire's armies which had destroyed Italian rule in East Africa.

Raschid Ali's closest supporters appear to have been drawn from a little-known clique of malcontents and intrigues.

It is recalled that Raschid Ali himself spent a year in confinement in 1938 and afterwards went to Berlin for medical treatment.

TURKISH SPECULATION ON GERMAN CONCENTRATION OF BARGES ON LOWER DANUBE

ANKARA, May 15 (Reuter).—The main topic of conversation here is where the Germans will move next. The most favoured spot is Syria.

M. Yalcin in the newspaper Yont Sabah, declares that the Germans will probably try to invade Egypt via Syria but adds: "How they will try and get to Syria is their affair—in any case they will not pass through Turkey. That we know definitely."

Other newspapers carry unconfirmed reports that German bombers have arrived at Mosul.

Many people are of the opinion that Hitler is trying to persuade Admiral Darlan to convince Marshal Petain to allow German troop ships to land in Syria, from where they can proceed to Iraq.

NAZI CONCENTRATIONS

Another group points out that the Germans have at present 15 divisions in Moldavia, which is more than the number there before the invasion of the Balkans, adding that the Germans are known to have concentrated large sea going barges on the Lower Danube.

This, they regard, means that Hitler either intends to attack Russia or else to use the threat of invasion to secure concessions from M. Stalin.

The Turkish Government are regarding the situation coolly and continue to take defence measures for which the National Assembly has voted an extra credit of 13,500,000 Turkish pounds.

CALL ON SARAJOGU

Herr von Papen paid his customary call as Ambassador on re-

MORE ITALIANS CAPTURED IN ABYSSINIA

NAIROBI, May 15 (Reuter).—In Abyssinia, despite road obstruction and other physical difficulties, our two forces converging on Amba Alagi are making satisfactory progress.

In the lakes area south of Addis Ababa a further success has been gained by the capture of a strongly defended enemy position. Prisoners taken number 500 with two batteries of artillery, five light tanks and one anti-tank gun.

Our troops have also occupied Abet, an important post north of Yavello, while on the Neghelli-Dalle road the pursuit of the enemy is continuing.

In an action on Monday with the enemy rearguard, which was driven back with heavy losses, our troops captured over 100 prisoners.

POSITION DEFINED
LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The latest position in Iraq was defined by Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons.

Small forces of the R.A.F. at Hebbaniyah have successfully beaten off an attack by Iraqi forces and now control the whole area round the cantonment.

Both they and the Imperial forces at Basra are being rapidly reinforced and vigorous air action is being carried out by the R.A.F. against military objectives throughout Iraq.

TREATY RIGHTS

The British Government is convinced that the action of Raschid Ali and his supporters in launching an attack on a loyal ally of their country is not upheld by the Iraqi people as a whole.

The British Government never had any intention to threaten the independence of Iraq. Their sole desire has been to maintain their treaty rights.

Another message, states that Shawket Ali, the Iraqi Minister of Defence, had an interview yesterday with the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara and with President Inonu, reports the Toulouse Radio.

PEIPING BOYCOTT

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Questioned in the Commons by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons) on what action he had taken with reference to the declaration by the Chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, that no leniency should be shown anybody openly selling British goods, the Foreign Secretary said he had called for a report and would then consider what action may be appropriate.

nounced in a G.H.Q. communique.

The communique says: "Tobruk. During a limited offensive operation carried out by our troops from Tobruk, two German medium tanks were captured and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy."

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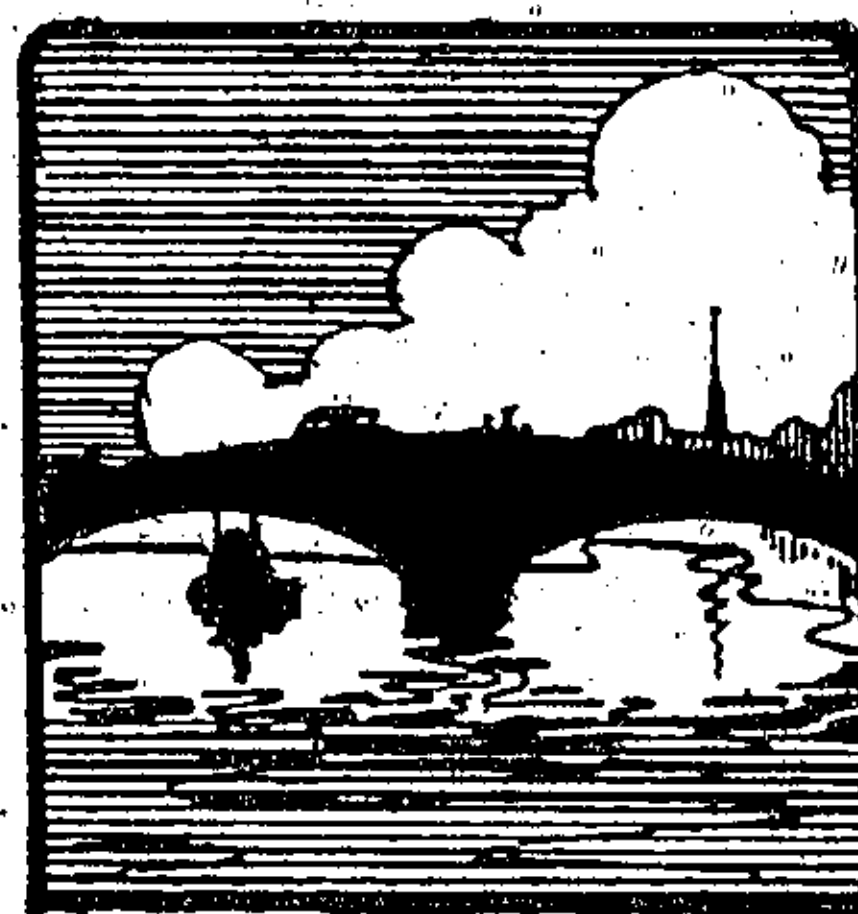
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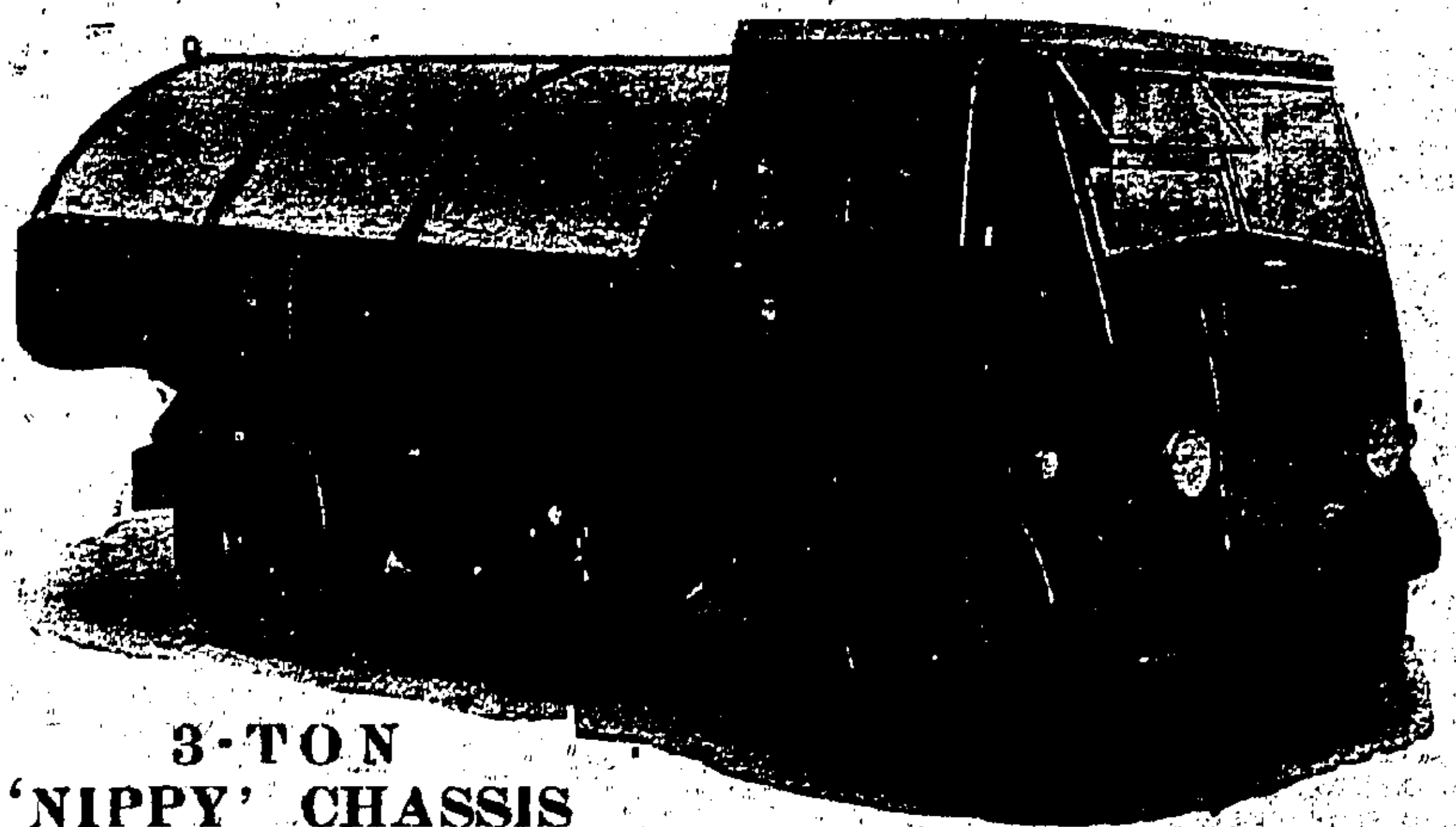


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AMAHS ALLEGE POLICE CONSTABLE DREW GUN

Evidence At Hearing Of Dog Summons

Allegations that a Chinese constable drew his revolver were made before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when LAWRENCE LEONG, of No. 49, Shouson Hill Road, Aberdeen, summoned for allowing his white chow dog to be at large in Shouson Hill Road without muzzle or lead at 1.30 p.m. on Mar. 4, brought a counter-summons of assault against POLICE CONSTABLE C791, LUI CHUNG.

C791, it was alleged, drew his service revolver and threatened three women employees of Leong, Li How-wan, Ah Ngan and Ah Hong.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented Leong, while Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A.S.P., was present for the Police. The constable said that about 1.30 p.m. on the day in question, he was on duty at Shouson Hill Road. He saw a white dog without muzzle nor lead, barking at him.

Witness gave chase and eventually the dog ran into the garden, and then into the kitchen of house No. 49. An amah came out and said that the animal was not theirs.

Leong was discharged because there was "no evidence to prove that the dog actually belonged to that house or to defendant, nor was there evidence to prove that defendant was the occupant of the house."

HEARD KNOCKS

Regarding the second case, Li How-wan, in evidence, said that she was housekeeper to Leong for the last 30 years. About 1.30 p.m. on Mar. 4, she was inside the house on the first floor, when she heard knocks on the door below and a dog barking in the garden. She went down and saw two amahs of the house, Ah Ngan and Ah Hong, talking to defendant.

Defendant, on seeing witness, asked her for a dog licence. She replied that she did not know as her master was away. At this point, defendant drew out his revolver and accused her of lying.

At first, defendant pointed the gun at the feet of witness but later diverted it in the direction of where the dog was standing.

Witness asked him why he should do so and defendant replied that he wanted to shoot the dog as it had no muzzle.

She then told him that he need not fire, but instead, to take down the address of the house and summons her master. He eventually put back the gun in his holster, wrote down the house number and left.

COULD NOT REMEMBER

Mr. Luscombe (in cross-examination): Did you see him carrying a stick in either hand?—I can't remember.

Evidence was also given by Ah Ngan and Ah Hong.

C791 testified that on no occasion did he take out his revolver. He merely once tapped his holster and was holding a stick all the time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, defendant said that the gesture of tapping the holster was not intended to threaten the dog or the amahs.

Replying to another question by Mr. Silva, defendant said that he indicated the gun because he was under the impression that the amahs did not know what a gun was.

BENCH DECISION

Giving his decision, Mr. Lowry said that he could not wholly accept the evidence of the witnesses of either party. There was discrepancy in the evidence of the three witnesses for the prosecution, but he believed that defendant actually did draw his revolver but he (defendant) did not point it at either one of the three witnesses.

It was a very foolish thing to do as defendant was holding a stick all the time, but it did not constitute an assault, added Mr. Lowry, who discharged defendant.

Mr. Silva requested the Magistrate to put his decision in writing.

Alleged Overcharge For Freight: Claim Fails

An action, claiming the return of money alleged to have been overcharged for freight, brought by the Tai Hing Lan, a firm of No. 260 Des-Voeux Road West, failed at the Summary Court yesterday when Mr. Justice Cressall gave judgment, with costs, for defendants, the Shun Cheong Steamship Navigation Company, of No. 24 Connaught Road West.

Plaintiff's claim was for \$535.22 for the return of freight overcharged by the defendants on Feb. 10 in respect of 592 bales of cassia consigned to plaintiff on board the Tai Po Shek from Kwong-chowwan.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern was for the plaintiff while the defendants were represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

Mr. Zimmern said that further and better particulars were contained in a copy before his Lordship giving fuller details of plaintiff's claim.

INTERESTING POINT

One interesting point which had been omitted from the copy, he said, was that plaintiff had dealt with defendant firm before, receiving from time to time consignments of cargo. On previous occasions the freight was charged on so much per packet and that was the first time that defendants resorted to charging freight according to measurement.

The only issue, Mr. Zimmern continued, was that defendant had not measured the cargo correctly and had overcharged. He added that there was no dispute about the right of defendants charging by measurement. Mr. Zimmern said that, according to a report by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe, surveyors, the measurement of the cargo was 2,574 cubic feet but defendants charged plaintiff for 3,700 cubic feet. This, he added, was the one and only complaint in the action.

The defence, as set out in the letter of defendants' solicitor, was that the cargo should be weighed or measured on board the steamer and that that weight or measurement should be written on the receipt and if the freight had been fixed and the consignees were liable and to pay the rates which had been fixed.

Ko Sai-ming, plaintiff, said he was managing partner of the plaintiff firm. On Feb. 9 he received a bill of lading from defendant firm and sent a foki along to pay the freight. On previous occasions freight was charged by the number of packets and not by measurement.

REDUCTION REFUSED

Defendants refused a reduction on the rates and he paid the amount on the assumption that the measurement on the bill of lading was correct. A few days later he found the measurement to be inaccurate. He asked defendants to send a representative to witness a re-measurement but they refused.

The duty of Tai Yan-wing, their agents in Kwongchowwan, was to see the cargo safely put on board the ship for Hongkong. They never paid the freight.

Mr. McCallum submitted that plaintiff failed to prove his case and raised the question of estoppel. He also submitted that there had been neglect on the part of plaintiff's agents in Kwongchowwan.

Giving judgment for defendants, his Lordship said he would give his reasons in writing.

IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA

Two Talks At Y's Men's Dinner

Two interesting talks on "Impressions of America" and "Marine Animals" were given by DR. ROBERT E. BROWN and DR. LIN SHAO-WEN, respectively, at the Y's Men Club dinner in St. Francis Hotel last evening.

Dr. Brown, who returned recently from the United States, described the comfortable and luxurious life led by the Americans and said he felt ashamed that the people should be so indifferent while the rest of the world was suffering.

A sudden change came after the last Presidential election and public opinion, in favour of the democratic cause, rapidly crystallised. Loans and aid to China and Britain were enormously increased.

Concluding, the speaker assured the audience that 99 per cent. of the American people had their sympathy with China.

RICHER SEAFOOD

Dr. Lin, speaking on oysters, said that, as a whole, seafood was richer than land food and it was especially true with oysters. He said that an oyster had nervous system, digestive system, heart and liver.

Dr. Lin pointed out that the United States ranked first in producing oysters, France second, followed by Japan.

Mr. Ho Shiu-que presided.

ENVOY'S APPEAL NOT FOR H.K.

Enquiries made of the local Government regarding the appeal by H.M. Ambassador to China to Britons in China urging them to join the fighting services revealed that the appeal was directed to Britons in China and not to those in Hongkong.

Hongkong, it was stated, as a Colony and a fortress, has an entirely different status and there is no change of policy in this respect.

OPENING OF NEW RITZ ON SATURDAY

That popular rendezvous of Hongkong's smart set—the Ritz—which was closed some time ago will be opened again tomorrow (Saturday).

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INDIAN P.C. ACCUSED OF WOUNDING

Alleged to have wounded a colleague at the Argyle Street Internment Camp with a red-hot iron bar, P.C.B432 Abdul Karim, 26, was charged before Mr. D. J. M. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with unlawfully and maliciously wounding P.C.B436 Sher Afzal.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented accused, while Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey, assisted by Det.-Sgt. C. Downman, prosecuted.

Insp. Carey said that accused was transferred to the Camp on Jan. 21. Later he learned that complainant would join him and he told Sgt. Mickle, O.I.C. of the Camp, that there was bad blood existing between them.

As soon as Afzal reported for duties, Sgt. Mickle summoned both defendant and complainant and warned them not to start any trouble in the camp.

About 8.45 a.m. on Mar. 13, a Chinese cook saw an iron bar in the fire place and 15 minutes later defendant was alleged to have taken the bar away.

Complainant was then off duty and slept in his quarters. He was awakened by a burning pain on his face and saw accused standing near his bed with an iron bar in his hand. He got up and ran away. P.C.B470, who was next to

complainant's bed got up also and embraced accused and took him to the officer in charge.

IRON BAR FOUND

The iron bar was found two beds away from complainant's bed, wrapped with a towel and was still warm.

As a result of injuries sustained, complainant was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for five days.

In answer to the charge, accused said that complainant owed him \$25 and when he asked for the money on the morning in question, complainant was alleged to have used abusive language.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, complainant denied that he was in debt to accused. He said that the only thing which might have led to the incident was that defendant had accused him of misinterpreting when they were at Shataukok.

After further evidence, hearing was adjourned until June 10.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. D. BICKERSTAFF

The funeral of Mr. James Dowie Bickerstaff, who died under tragic circumstances at his residence, No. 132, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, on Wednesday, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday. The Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow, Minister of the Union Church, officiated at the graveside.

Mr. J. Riddell and Mr. J. A. Fraser were the chief mourners, while among the large number of former colleagues and friends present were Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Mr. E. B. Lambert (Asst. Superintendent of Crown Lands), Mr. B. H. Collis Hallowes (Asst. Supt. of Surveys), Mr. J. Angwin (Surveyor), Mr. O. C. Womack (Surveyor), Mr. J. Barrow (District Officer, North), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fowler and Messrs. W. C. Simpson, J. G. L. Collins, D. N. Willis, A. L. de Souza, A. G. Martin, R. Buchanan, D. Wilson, P. Morgan, Geo. Morgan, Fung Hoi, Lai Ming-kai and Insp. A. Kirby.

Wreaths sent were from Mother, May, Jessie, Dot, Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobson, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Sgt. A. E. Tule (formerly of K.O.S.B.), Crown Lands and Surveys Office, European Staff of C. I. and S. Office, Chinese Staff of C. I. and S. Office, Kowloon Football Club, Messrs. D. Wilson, O. C. Womack, Fung Hoi, Geo. Morgan, A. Bone, J. Riddell, D. E. McPherson, J. Barrow, R. Buchanan, Chinese Staff of District Office, South, and many others.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 13:—Cholera, six cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, six cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 29 cases; Typhus Fever, one case.

WEDNESDAY'S RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 14 is as follows:—Chicken-Pox, one case; Cholera, three cases; Dysentery, three cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, one case; Small-Pox, one case; Tuberculosis, 23 cases.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CALENDAR

Two murders and one manslaughter are included in the list of cases, totalling eighteen in all, which are fixed for trial at the May Criminal Sessions. The taking of pleas will be taken by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court on Monday at 10 a.m.

MURDER—Chiu Siu-tsing; So Shing.

MANSLAUGHTER—Cheung Chau-lung and another.

FORGERY—Lui Fook-wing (also charged with conspiracy and pre-lary).

ROBBERY BY TWO OR MORE—Kwong Hui-tin and Ho Tin; Lai Kwong; Wong Hung and Chiu Chu; Tank Ki; Mak Fong-shing and Ho Fook; Lam Kwai; Lau Kwong; Chau Luk and Luk Kwan; Tang Shing; Leung Kau; Ho Cheung; Yim Wai; Mak Chuen; Mak Mah; Ho Tai and Ho Lam (possession of arms and ammunition; also receiving stolen property).

UTTERING FORGED BANK-NOTE—Chiu Shun; Chan Pak and Lam Piu (two counts, and one count of possession).

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION—Lam Yun-choi, Kwok Wan and Lam Yun (of dies and blocks resembling Government dies and blocks); Hui Mah (of dangerous drugs); Lam Sai-lo (of arms and ammunition).

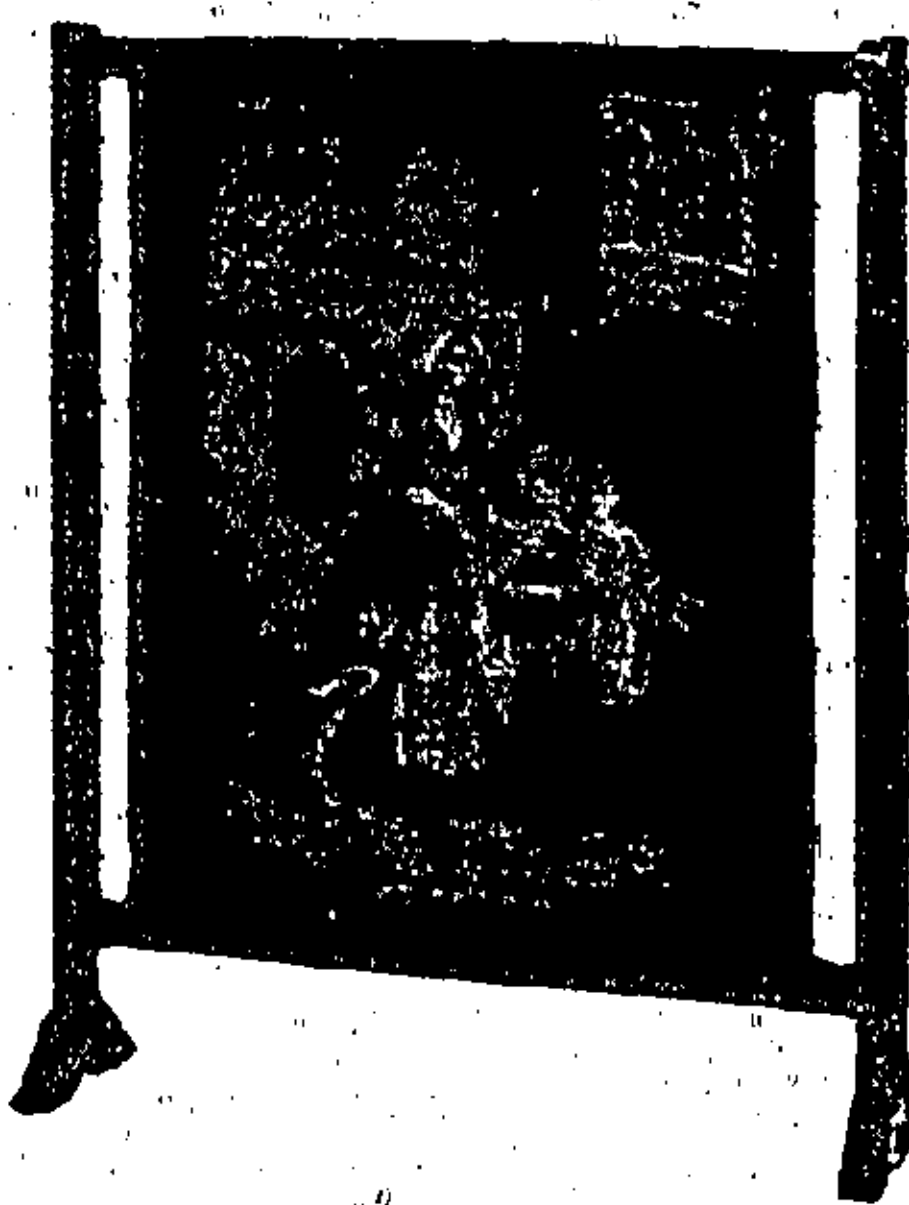
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO ROB—Kwok Ki.

SERIOUS OFFENCE—Walter Harold Powlesland Chatter.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd.:—Anthony Jenkinson, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, from London; Wilby, Education Dept. from Shifnal; Lt. W. V. Dixon, R.A.M.C., Whitfield Bks., Kowloon, from Croydon; Chief Skipper Francis Bremner, Boom Defence Office, from Singapore; Victor Holland, care 86amens Mission, from Boscombe; Tanta, 84 First floor, Shing Wo Road, Happy Valley, from Macao.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, 17th May, 1941 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 6156	East of the Main Road, South of Inland Lots Nos. 3530 and 5089, North Point.	As per sale plan.	About 6,000	110	9,000

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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HONGKONG, MAY 16, 1941.

VENAL VICHY

THE BODY of France, crushed, bruised and mangled, has once again been the object of barter and once again it has been sold to the very forces which reduced it to its present state. The corrupt politicians at Vichy have further stained their hands before the eyes of the civilised peoples of the world by consenting to final and full collaboration with their Nazi conquerors and by doing so have forfeited the last shred of confidence which French men and women all over the world might have had in the ability of these puppet leaders to safeguard the traditional liberty and independence of the country. In return for a few half-baked concessions, which include the liberation of a quarter-of-a-million or so of war prisoners and the alluring picture of being able to continue their misgovernment in the imposing buildings of the Quai d'Orsay, the leading traitors of the Vichy Cabinet were able to carry the day and set the country well on the road to perdition by submitting to the German plans for "a working agreement."

THE ADVANTAGES that France is supposed to receive from this so-called working agreement can be counted on the fingers of one hand and even then it is easy to see how far they will be subjected to German control. For instance, the fact that most of the prisoners to be liberated are technicians and skilled workmen show that Herr Hitler intends to use these men to work for his war machine. This degradation is surpassed, however, by the fact that Herr Hitler has apparently obtained permission to set his foot on French soil, wherever it may be, for military purposes. This has evidently already been done in French Morocco and Syria and even now German naval vessels are passing down the Rhone to the Mediterranean and German troops may soon be pounding their way over the roads what the Vichy puppets consoling themselves by calling "unoccupied France."

IT IS impossible to neglect the political effect of this final collaboration between Vichy and Nazi Germany. How far the agreement which Admiral Darlan engineered goes is not yet known and speculation will immediately be focussed on other aspects that arise from it. There is, for instance, the question of the French Fleet. Unfortunately for those who are most concerned that this French sea-power should not fall into the hands of the Germans, the fact that these naval units are in the custody of Admiral Darlan gives cause for anxiety. Will this unscrupulous betrayer of his country allow his greed for position (and that a doubtful one) under the Germans to sacrifice France's sea traditions to the Nazis? How far will such an act and the latest agreement with Herr Hitler make France herself now an enemy of Britain and

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Will you, therefore, be good enough to exercise your good offices on our behalf, and inform those concerned that their gift came at a most opportune time when the fire protection of the London Civil Defence Region is of paramount importance and that the refreshment of the men during their arduous duties is a vital factor in thwarting the aims of the enemy.

I am, etc.,
(Sd.) F. S. WAGNER,
Mayor.

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
March 13, 1941.

Sir,—I am directed by Lord Moyne to acknowledge the receipt of, and to thank you for your letter of March 13 on the subject of the Mobile Canteen received by the Borough of Malden and Coombe.

2. As the Canteen is the gift of the people of Hongkong, a copy of your letter is being sent to the Governor of the Colony, who will no doubt cause suitable publicity to be given to it.

I am, etc.,
(Sd.) J. A. CALDER,
The Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour,
Municipal Offices,
New Malden.

WAR LOAN CLOSING

SYDNEY, May 15 (Reuter).—The Government's £35,000,000 war loan has been oversubscribed and will be closing shortly, a Government spokesman announced.

her allies? To what extent will British policy be forced to shape to meet this new situation?

THESE ARE questions which must be answered now and answered quickly if the advantages which Herr Hitler hopes to secure from his new hold on France are to be nipped in the bud. In the meantime, the reaction of the French Empire to this development will be interesting to watch. As Vice-Admiral Muselier, the Commander of the Free French Naval and Air Forces, said recently, many of the French colonies are intent on co-operation with General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, in his determination to save their motherland from total domination by Nazi Germany. The people in these colonies must be expected to resent this contemptible submission by Vichy to the Germans. Whatever action they take, therefore, will show Herr Hitler that he will never be able to crush the soul of France by methods of cunning or ruthlessness and that every opportunity will be taken by those who think in this way to make sure that Britain and her allies will destroy the despoiler of their homeland and put France back in her rightful place among the nations of the new world which will be born when Germany is defeated.

CROWN COUNSEL RETURNS



Mr. Myles John Abbott, Crown Counsel, who has returned to the Colony from furlough at Home, during which time he was a B.B.C. announcer for a while.

PLEASANT CEREMONY AT N.T.S.

Jubilee Presentation To Mr. A. A. Tavares

Mr. A. A. Tavares, one of the oldest members of the local staff of the Netherlands Trading Society, Hongkong, yesterday commemorated his jubilee, having entered the service of the bank 25 years ago, namely, May 15, 1916.

In celebration of this special occasion the Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, Mr. J. H. van der Laan, gathered the staff in his office and addressed Mr. Tavares, extending to him in the name of the Head-Office and the Staff the heartiest congratulations for valuable service rendered to the bank in the past and expressed the hope that the bank may avail herself of some also in the future.

As a token of appreciation a present was handed by the Manager to Mr. Tavares and a toast was given to the health of Mr. Tavares and his family.

HAPPY PART OF LIFE

Mr. Tavares replying to the address gave expression of his gratitude to the bank stating that the service with the Netherlands Trading Society formed a happy part of his life. He thanked the Manager for having made this day one of special remembrance and requested the Manager to convey his thanks to the Head-Office for the valuable present.

Concluding Mr. Tavares said that he would do his utmost to continue the service with the bank to the best of his ability and gave a toast to the prosperity of the Netherlands Trading Society.

After that refreshments were served.

American Women Decorated By Chinese Government

NEW YORK CITY, April 23 (By Clippier).—Dr. Xu Tsuné-chi, Chinese Consul-General in New York City, announced today that the Central Government at Chungking had conferred the Order of Jade, white cravat with blue borders, upon Dorothy Canfield Fisher, novelist, in recognition of her services to the Chinese people.

The Chinese Consul-General also presented medals for distinguished service to China to Miss Emma de Long Mill, friend of Madame Chiang Kai-shek; Mrs. Julian Chase, Miss Mabel C. Mead, Mrs. Arthur W. Hart and Alfred Kohlberg, all members of the board of directors of the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China.

The bureau is one of the seven agencies now co-operating in raising U.S. \$5,000,000 for relief work in China. The bureau recently announced that it was planning to spend U.S. \$1,995,034 for various kinds of work in China.

The above sum, it is stated, will provide 300 provincial hygienic laboratories and district health centers, 15 general hospitals, 200 ambulance trucks, 10 air-raid first aid stations in Chungking, medical supplies and new buildings and equipment for emergency training schools and orthopedic centres.

Miss Lily Pons, well-known American singer, will make her first appearance in nearly a year in New York, in benefit concert at Carnegie Hall on May 20 for the United China Relief, Mr. Samuel L. M. Barlow, chairman of the arrangements committee, announced.

At this meeting Dr. Lin Yutang, writer, will speak on "The New China."—(Central News).

BRITAIN SPEAKS:

Quite Pleased To Have Hess Among Us—Mr. Bartlett

"We are quite pleased to have Herr Hess among-us. The result probably is that our next visitor will be Goering floating down on a parachute with the moonlight sparkling on his medals," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, journalist-M.P., when he broadcast from London in the series "Britain Speaks" on Wednesday night.

Mr. Bartlett said that he had met all the members of the Nazi Party, with the exception of Himmler, the Gestapo chief. There were those who thought that Hess could influence Herr Hitler to do good and that Ribbentrop would influence the German Fuehrer to do harm.

CRISIS IN GERMANY?

Herr Hess was by far the most honest and decent of the bunch and had probably decided that he could stand the racket no longer.

"There must be a very acute political crisis in Germany," went on Mr. Bartlett. "His arrival here has done more to shake the morale of the people, and public confidence in Germany than anything else could, barring, perhaps, the suicide of Hitler and Goering themselves."

Herr Hess was born in Egypt and the Nazis had made much fuss of him in their broadcasts to the Arab countries. News of his arrival in Scotland would certainly have some effect on the people. It had been suggested that Hess went to Britain to put forward peace proposals which the British people had been led to expect. That was possible, but improbable.

NIGHT BOMBING

Referring to night bombing, Mr. Bartlett said that nine months ago the Germans bombed us by day but they had now chosen moonlight nights. Scientists and mathematicians could now bring our fighters into such close contact with the enemy bombers that, on a reasonably clear night they could be reasonably confident of seeing their target.

Commenting on the heavy enemy raid on London last Saturday night, Mr. Bartlett said that he did not want to suggest that the bombing was indiscriminate but the Nazi losses in machines were so large that they would probably not carry on with these large-scale raids. It did not pay them to destroy such buildings as the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

"I was on" fire-watching duty on the roof of a small tower which received a direct hit on Saturday night," said Mr. Bartlett.

Continuing, Mr. Bartlett said he believed that the Houses of Parliament covered seven acres and

the place now looked a considerable mess but there was a vast area of it undamaged and undestroyed. The libraries of both Houses were quite alright.

NO LANDMARK

When the House of Commons met on Tuesday, said Mr. Bartlett, he had expected to find a landmark, like the great table that lay between the Government and the back-benchers, but all had gone. Everything had changed.

"It was as difficult to picture the buildings in one's mind as to picture the buildings in the ruins of Pompeii," concluded Mr. Bartlett. "In a strange way, the debating chamber, which was never very impressive from an architectural point of view, has now become magnificent."

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LINGNAN "U" STUDENTS

The China State Bank, Ltd., one of the large Chinese banks here, has decided to offer annually two scholarships to students of the Lingnan University, American missionary institution formerly in Canton and now removed here.

The scholarships, each amounting to H.K. \$250 annually, are to be offered to students majoring in commerce. Applicants are confined to those who have excellent scholastic records and are in need of financial help.

The scholarships will be offered beginning this autumn, when the new academic year starts.—(Central News).

NEWSETTES

A Congregation for the Confering of Degrees will be held in the Great Hall of the University on Friday, May 30, at 9.30 p.m.

A buffet supper dance will be held at Kowloon Tong Club on Saturday, May 24, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets can be secured at the Club bar up to May 22. The dance band of the 2/Royal Scots will be in attendance.

The members of the Indian Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve are giving a tea party to welcome the Hon. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, at the Hongkong Hotel, on Tuesday next, May 20, at 5.15 p.m.

The death occurred on May 7, at Shanghai, of Elizabeth Reyer, aged 68 years, mother of Mr. A. A. Reyer, Mr. V. A. Reyer and Mr. E. A. Reyer. Funeral services were held on May 10, at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Klaochow Road and followed by burial at the Hunglao Road Cemetery.

At Mount Austin Barracks last night an enjoyable variety entertainment, arranged and compered by David Kosick was given. The contributors included Freddy Archer, Les Gibsch, Tommy King, Stanley Hinchliffe, Maude Deacon and Jack Grenam, A. D. Spoor, Bill Duxford, Doris Shields, Will Knight, John Gilchrist, Eileen Grant. The Stage Manager was Monty Dutton, and intermission music (by courtesy) by the Royal Scots' Dance Band.

NORWEGIAN SENSE OF HUMOUR

In a town in Southern Norway, the mayor was called before the German commandant and ordered to produce, within two hours, a list of fifty well-known citizens. These were obviously to be held as hostages.

The mayor went to his chief of police and said: "I have just talked with the commandant. He wants a list of fifty members of the National Union or of Nazi sympathisers."

Two hours later the German officer received this list of 'hostages'.

FANTASTIC ITALIAN CLAIMS OF BRITISH LOSSES IN MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE

H.M.S. Ark Royal Is Again Hit In Fierce Air Attacks!

LONDON, MAY 15 (REUTERS).—WE HAVE JUST BEEN LISTENING ON THE RADIO TO FANTASTIC ITALIAN CLAIMS of ships and aircraft brought down during last week's air attack on British warships escorting a convoy in the Western Mediterranean, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet on board H.M.S. Ark Royal.

We were steaming merrily along quite unaware we had been struck by three torpedoes and the glowing account of the damage inflicted on our ships gave us a good laugh after the grim eight-hour battle between British fighters, ships, guns and Axis bombers.

The simple truth is that the Italian bombers, escorted by hordes of fighters and assisted by Nazi Stukas and Messerschmitts, with favourable weather, failed to secure even a near miss on any ships but were given such a rough handling by our fighters and a tremendous concentration of nearly 100 A.A. guns that they lost seven aircraft for certain and five more badly damaged.

Four actual attacks materialised in a day of perpetual threat, two by torpedo-bombers and two by high-flying bombers.

Every minute of the day the ship's fighters were constantly alert, for everywhere in the low-hanging clouds were enemy bomber formations.

We were steaming between Cagliari naval base and Sicily, so that the Italians were able to accompany their bombers with many squadrons of fast, well-armed land fighters.

FURIOUS ATTACK

While the ships' guns belched shells in an almost daylong barrage, spattering the clouds with dancing fire and innumerable black puffs of smoke, fighters flashed, twirled and dived among the clouds in a furious and relentless attack on the enemy bombers.

Many times in the far horizon around the ships could be seen spouting columns of water as bombers jettisoned their projectiles and fled from the blazing guns of British fighters, despite the scores of fighters protecting them.

Against such overwhelming odds time and again our fighters smashed up a formation of bombers lurking in the clouds awaiting a favourable moment to swoop down and bomb the ships.

FALLEN OFFICER HONOURED

SHUKWAN, May 14 (Central).—Official and public circles in Shukwan yesterday paid tribute to the late Col. Liu Ping-chun, a battalion commander, who was killed in action recently at Kailing, on the West River.

Col. Liu's coffin arrived here a few days ago from the front and sacrificial services were held here yesterday and attended by a large number of party, military and civil officials, representatives of various public organisations, and students. More than 10,000 persons went on vegetable diet for the day.

The coffin will shortly be removed to Wuhua, Col. Liu's birthplace, on the North River, for burial.

IRAQI—A DANGEROUS BOIL LANCED IN NICK OF TIME

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—"We shall see it through," declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, speaking at Coventry last evening and referring to the Battle of the Atlantic.

After recalling how the first air battle of Britain last autumn "put an end to all Hitler's dreams of walking into and over our unarmed England," Mr. Amery said: "A second air and submarine battle, covering both Britain and its Atlantic approaches, is in progress. It calls for all our energy and skill to meet it."

"We shall see it through and however long it continues Hitler will be no nearer the goal of his ambition here than he was when he gave up the first Battle of Britain six months ago."

Alluding to the Balkans, Mr. Amery said: "The strain thrown upon Germany in the wholly unexpected campaign in the Balkans may well have thrown out of gear the whole of Hitler's plans for a victorious march across Turkey."

"Its effects upon Germany's communications and sources of supply may indeed be felt fully in the course of the coming months."

Dealing with Iraq, Mr. Amery said a highly dangerous situation

NOTABLE FEAT

The day's most notable feat came at dusk, when the last attack was made by torpedo-bombers while at the same time a force of 30 Stukas, protected by six fighters, were cruising in the clouds with the obvious intention of making a simultaneous assault.

Suddenly six British fighters dived among them, machine-guns spitting venomously.

One Stuka dived into the sea in flames and two fighters staggered off into cloud shelter with smoke pouring from them.

Bullets rained on the gallant little group of British fighters from all sides but they maintained their attack until the enemy quailed.

Hopelessly the scattered Stukas dropped their bombs into the sea and fled, leaving our fighters hard hit but victorious.

Japan's Shoe Pinching Severely

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—"A country which is in open alliance with our enemies and aiding and abetting them in every way, short of war, has naturally forfeited their claim to indulgences and exemption which we might readily extend to friends or genuine neutrals," declares the DAILY TELEGRAPH, commenting on Japan's complaints against certain economic restrictions applied to British territory.

"It seems indeed necessary to infer that the shoe must be pinching fairly severely when Japan appears in the role of a complainant about British economic policies."

ENORMOUS LOSS

"During the four years since she started running amok in China, she has shown not the smallest compunction, damaging British economic interests whenever it suited her and she has inflicted enormous loss directly or indirectly."

"Japan can scarcely imagine we shall go out of our way to open the doors of trade to her when she herself is so busy planning them on us."

"Every concession we have made in the recent years has merely been a signal for new and more exalted demands or contumelies. And the firm front to the present complaint is unlikely to cause any further deterioration of relations which Japan shows so little initiative in taking steps to improve."

CLAIMS NYASALAND GIFT

LONDON, May 15 (British Wire).—The Nyasaland Protectorate on its 50th anniversary yesterday, announces the gift of £29,150 to the British Government.

This is in accordance with the Protectorate's previously announced policy of offering as a free gift to the United Kingdom, the whole amount by which its surplus balances at the end of each year of the war exceeding £100,000.

The £29,150 is the final gift in respect of the years 1939 and 1940. It brings the total to £117,000 for two years.

The British Government has gratefully accepted this further gift of the Government and the people of Nyasaland towards the war effort of the Empire.

WHO CAN BE SPARED AND WHEN

SHANGHAI, May 15 (Reuters).—Commenting on the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr's appeal for recruits, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, well-known British commentator, writing in the EVENING POST, suggests that the British Government take a further step and create machinery designed to relieve both firms and individuals of the responsibility of deciding who can be spared and when.

He proposes the establishment of tribunals in all principal treaty ports in China as in 1918, before which employers with employees of military age should be asked to appear and in effect show the cause why the latter should not join up.

All those found physically unfit or unable to go because of important business reasons should be given a certificate tantamount to formal exemption from military service.

CHURCHILL DID NOT BELIEVE NEWS

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BECAME CERTAINTY

Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that while the interview was proceeding between the British officer and Herr Hess, the German announcement of the Deputy Fuehrer's flight came out and, with that surmise became a certainty.

The Prime Minister was replying to questions regarding the flight of Herr Hess from Germany and his landing by parachute in Scotland on Saturday.

Mr. Churchill announced that he would take the first opportunity to make a statement to the House but the time he chose to make it must be governed by public interest.

When asked why if Herr Hess's landing in Scotland was known on Saturday night, the Minister of Information (Mr. A. Duff-Cooper) had not taken steps to forestall the German broadcast alleging that the Deputy Fuehrer was insane, the Prime Minister said:

"It may be just as well that the Minister of Information did not do so since the first German broadcast was later contradicted by a fuller German explanation."

NOT UNFORTUNATE

Pressed to say that the delay of 48 hours was unfortunate, Mr. Churchill said it was not unfortunate and if there had been a delay it would have been unavoidable, as first of all they had to establish the identity of the injured airman.

MR. ERNEST BEVIN, Minister of Labour and National Service, speaking in London yesterday, said that Herr Hitler was behind the flight and he did not believe that Hitler did not know that Herr Hess had gone to Britain.

TOKYO, May 15 (Reuters).—The Asahi Shimbun reports from Nanking that Italy is preparing to reopen the Consulate in Nanking as a prelude to a formal recognition of the Wang Ching-wai regime. A Japanese report from Hsinking says that Bulgaria recognised Manchukuo yesterday.

Redoubling Efforts To Assist In Production

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—Members of the United States Chamber of Commerce are, redoubling their efforts to assist in production.

In response to a message from Sir Ronald Matthews, President of the Association of the British Chamber of Commerce, expressing appreciation for the help given by the United States, the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington has replied that the annual meeting just held, committed the entire membership to redoubled efforts for extending production.

The Chamber knows, the President added, that what is needed is production and then more production and that time is the essence of everything.

TO WHOLE WORLD

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—Commenting on the American Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant's speech to the English-Speaking Union yesterday, the DAILY TELEGRAPH says the Ambassador was speaking not only to Britain but the whole world.

"This is a larger significance of the memorable declarations that the time has come for democratic nations to prove they have the power and will to act."

"Several members of President Roosevelt's administration had recently spoken drastically but none had been so downright as Mr. Winant with the admonition that the tasks had been made more difficult because they were not done yesterday."

Throughout the speech, Mr. Winant associated himself fully and freely with the British effort.

"He used 'we' where a more cautious diplomat might have been content with 'you'."

"In this, he gave expression to what is plainly a dominant sentiment in the United States today, a sentiment which has found a practical outlet being much effective help and which, tomorrow, may become still more effective."

CALLERS CHECKED

Officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard throughout the day have been checking all callers at the hospital where Rudolf Hess is detained.

A military guard also has been posted at the gates, only authorised persons being allowed to pass.

A horde of newswire men yesterday descended upon the ploughman, David McLean, and begged him to re-enact his part in the capture of Hess.

McLean declared: "I am not wanting to be a film star—I have no time to go to pictures."

When newswire men said that they would come back later, McLean replied: "It will need to be later. A ploughman's work is never done."

In response to their entreaties, he said: "You can take me while I am ploughing." So the cameramen staggered over the rough ploughed field and McLean, greatly amused, said to his horse: "You can think a lot more of yourself today, Silly."

When the photographers had finished, McLean told them: "You people coming up here and keeping me off my work has been more trouble than the German was."

PUBLIC WARNED

BASLE, May 15 (Reuters).—The letter left by Rudolf Hess contains no signs that Hess deserted in consequence of hallucinations.

According to the Basler Nachrichten correspondent in Berlin, this is officially stated in Berlin.

The statement, the correspondent adds, warns the public against drawing conclusions from statements about Hess from England which Britain is using for propaganda purposes and which already have been branded as obtained under duress.

HARDSHIP IN REICH

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—Hess is reported to have told farm people of the hardship now being experienced in Germany and of the great distress amongst the people there over the bombing by the R.A.F. and of the suffering of the civilian population.

FLIGHT OF HERR HESS REVEALED DISORDER IN GERMANY ITSELF

"This is indeed a war of surprises and Rudolf Hess is the latest and most dramatic. His flight from Germany is like a flashing meteor which, in a brief and vivid moment, lit up the scene in Germany itself," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., former Political Adviser to the National Government of China when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"THE NAZIS SAY THAT HIS FLIGHT ITSELF REVEALS HERR HESS'S DISORDER BUT WHAT IT HAS REVEALED IS THEIR OWN DISORDER."

"We may conclude that he foresaw the ultimate defeat of the Nazis. He had taken full measure of the British determination and he understood what American help to Britain would mean."

Sir Frederick recalled that he had mentioned the month of May as being one that might be fateful for Herr Hitler. He wondered whether any soothsayer in Berlin would have dared to prophesy the impending fate for Herr Hitler. Probably not, because nobody in Germany was allowed to forecast it.

OWN DESTRUCTION

Sir Frederick said that he had apparently been proved to be wrong for Herr Hess had now warned his leader, who seemed to be determined to go forward to his own destruction. To Herr Hitler, Herr Hess's landing in Scotland would be a fateful moment.

Herr Hess had flown to Britain because Britain was the only place where an honest man could be safe from the Gestapo. Once the Nazis knew that Herr Hess had landed in Britain they had moved heaven and earth to discredit it.

"Whatever we may hear about the meaning of this dramatic flight, the flight itself shows that Herr Hitler's oldest and nearest friend has found Nazi Germany an impossible place to live in and that is surely enough for us at the moment."

Sir Frederick went on to say that while Herr Hess was coming down in his parachute on Saturday night, London was having it again. German propaganda had described that raid as one of revenge. The Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall and Westminster Abbey, which had been ruined, were the shrines of a good many years of English history. The Germans have not only tried to destroy these historic buildings but the spirit which they represented. That was impossible. "Herr Hitler believes he can destroy things of the spirit with brute force and so this revenge raid has left Britain with these ruins but with a spirit that makes these buildings brighter than ever," said Sir Frederick.

NOTE OF CONCERN

Sir Frederick said that messages had been received from all parts of the world, especially from the Dominions and India, and the United States, expressing a special note of concern and personal affection for Westminster in its hour of trial. But there was more than concern and affection from these overseas voices.

"You could hear in them a sharpened note of anger," said Sir Frederick. "That raid on Westminster which was lit up by flashes from the Nazi bombs, lit up the brutality of the Nazis themselves. And so worshippers at the Abbey must now find a new place of prayer and the House of Commons a new place of debate."

Referring to the recent debate in the House of Commons, which Mr. Churchill was just finishing at this time last week, Sir Frederick said that that debate was not really finished. There was still much to be said. It was not only the conduct of the war in Athens, but the whole conduct of the war and the strengthening of the whole Home front that had to be debated.

"The power house of the Home base is the Government itself and everyone will agree that last week's debate raised the prestige of Government, both at Home and abroad," said Sir Frederick.

"It made people realise how much depends on Mr. Churchill himself."

Sir Frederick declared that when the debate on the Home front concerning questions of production and transport were dealt with in a secret session, other Ministers would be there to share that responsibility.

INDUSTRIAL EFFORT

Turning to the war in the air, Sir Frederick said that the shooting down of 33 German planes on one night over Britain showed that the R.A.F. were on the job as usual. It had taken six months to develop the new fighting power of the air force and it was clear now that the R.A.F. had gone a long way towards finding the secret of night defence.

Sir Frederick said that Britain's whole industrial machine was now

being driven at high speed. As the demand for equipment increased some of the slow moving parts of this machine might tend to throw the whole lot out of gear and what the House of Commons wanted was to secure a clear picture of the whole problem.

"There are some who say that it is merely a waste of time to bring ministers to the floor of the House to give an account of themselves," continued Sir Frederick. "I am not one of these. The Nation owes much of its achievements to the judgment of the House of Commons and the nation will always be better off after the House has had its say on these matters."

PRIVATE COUNSEL

"No one knows this better than the Prime Minister himself. He knows its strength and its weaknesses and he will be the first to welcome any evidence that the members have something to contribute to the nation's stock of war experience."

"I know that the Prime Minister does not like secret sessions, but this is clearly a time to take private counsel between the Government and Parliament without allowing the enemy to hear our secrets."

Sir Frederick next referred to the recent speeches made by Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador to the United States in the course of his tour of the Middle West.

FOUR QUESTIONS

"The American wants to know mostly about four things," said Sir Frederick. "First, he wants to know about the Prime Minister. That is natural and Lord Halifax will be able to give them all the information they want."

"Secondly, they want to know about London and how London is taking these air raids and here again Lord Halifax will be able to tell them much."

"Thirdly, they want to know what Britain is going to be like after the war—whether state control of everything will remain and Britain become socialist. Lord Halifax is a Yorkshireman and probably won't say much on this subject."

"Fourthly, what are we going to do in Europe after the war. Our Ambassador spoke about that last question in two speeches. He spoke of the war in general, as the battle for the rights of man. Any peace settlement, he said, must guarantee the individual against enslavement and restore the welfare of the common man."

OPERATIONS IN SIANG RIVER VALLEY PROGRESSING

FANCHENG, May 15 (Central).—Braving heavy rains for two days and nights, Chinese forces in Central Hupeh carried out relentless attacks on the Japanese pushing along the banks of the Siang River and have routed their advance units with considerable losses.

"On the west bank, the Chinese have captured successively Liuoh-chin, Anchiachin and Lichiatang while on the east bank after recovering Fengloho the Chinese are thrusting towards Yangtze."

The position of the Japanese in the northeastern slope of the Tachung mountain is becoming increasingly untenable as Chinese columns are closing in on them in an encircling movement.

In the Yuanan sector, the Chinese have driven the Japanese back to Tanyang.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN ANHWEI

SOUTH ANHWEI, May 14 (Central).—Rice is now sold at Japanese-occupied Hefei, erstwhile a rice-producing center in central Anhwei. Most of the poor are subsisting on vegetables and bark. Plundering and seizures of foodstuffs by Japanese troops accentuated the shortage in the "occupied" areas in Anhwei.

Netherlands Part In The Struggle For Freedom

"Exactly one year ago, the Netherlands Government came to London. To all appearances they were defeated, but the Queen and her ministers came here not as refugees, but to continue the struggle with Britain and the others and to carry on the Government from here and in the other parts of their realm," said the PRESIDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

The speaker said that from London, the Netherlands Government was now participating in the struggle for the independence not only of the European countries, but of the whole world.

He referred to the spirit of enterprise of the Dutch people and said that the conclusion of a monetary agreement between the Netherlands and the British Empire had made a valuable contribution to the cause for which they were fighting.

"The spirit of enterprise is second nature to every Dutchman," said the speaker, "and so it was not long before the Netherlands Government here had its own offices and own press services, while the B. B. C. has given us permission to establish our Netherlands broadcasts."

WORK OF DUTCH NAVY

The speaker next referred to the work being done by the units of the Dutch Navy in co-operation with the British Navy and the services being rendered by the Dutch merchant fleet. These merchant ships have had the privilege of carrying British troops to the most distant battlefields, while Dutch submarines, cruisers, torpedo boats, mine-sweepers and mine-layers had come to reinforce the British Fleet.

He expressed the heartfelt thanks of the Dutch people for the help they had received from Britain. He knew and all Dutchmen knew that Britain would never compromise with their common enemy.

DAMAGED IN RAIDS

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St. James's Palace from which King Charles I was taken on the morning of his execution and to which his body was returned, also received a German bomb.

At the Old Bailey, two porters on duty were killed.

The scope of damage to the Lambeth Palace was revealed today.

The Archbishop was spending the night in the Palace when a basket of incendiaries fell on the building and in the grounds.

A thousand books in the Ecclesiastical Library were destroyed but fortunately many of the more valuable volumes had been removed to safety on the outbreak of war.

SEVERELY DAMAGED

Queen's Hall, centre of Britain's classical musical life, was severely damaged in recent air raids, and the ruins include thousands of pounds worth of musical instruments belonging to the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Members of the Orchestra, arriving to give a concert and confronted with the wreckage, decided somehow or other to give their scheduled concert.

An impromptu meeting was held in the middle of the road, and frantic phone calls resulted in sufficient instruments being borrowed and permission readily given for them to play in the Royal Academy of Music.

The manager sat at a table in the road handing transfer tickets to members of the public as they arrived and redirecting them to where the concert was being held.

The original programme was given to a crowded house which received the performance with intense enthusiasm.

NOTHING TO REPORT

There is nothing to report, states this morning's Air Ministry communique, on last night's enemy activity over Britain.

CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament were:—R. C. Gardner drew with Un Kwai-yung, A. Kurrik beat Wm. Lee, R. C. Danenberg beat J. Grefaldia and A. Morton beat J. H. d'Almeida.

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China's Educational Progress In The War

In old temples and improvised matchboxes, China's education is making steady progress in the war as many new citadels of learning have been established and more scholars are being trained, often under most trying conditions.

At the end of 1940, the number of higher educational institutions in China was 113. This compares with 109 just before the war, of which 51 were either destroyed or damaged or otherwise rendered useless. The total enrolment in these colleges and universities was given at 44,422 in 1940 as against 31,188 in 1937, according to the same source.

Of the 113 higher seats of learning, 41 were national, 21 provincial and 51 private institutions. Thirty-eight of the institutions were universities, 42 colleges and 33 technical schools.

Although the 1940 figures on their development are not yet compiled, the number of middle schools in the interior province was increased from 1,898 in 1937 to 1,973, while the enrolment rose from 289,948 to 489,414.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

SNATCHER GAOLED

A 14-year-old schoolgirl, Shum Wan-cheung, of No. 68, Peel Street, second floor, was complainant before Mr. Lowry yesterday in a case in which Tsang Tan, 22, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a metal wrist watch, valued at \$15, from her person at Peel Street on May 14.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes, who prosecuted, said complainant was returning home from school about noon that day, when defendant came up from behind and snatched her timepiece away. Defendant was arrested by a pedestrian, Li Ching, 37, seaman, after a chase.

Defendant, who admitted one previous conviction was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

UNREGISTERED WARD

Ng Kit, 45, married woman, of No. 164, Wellington Street, third floor, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with failing to report the possession of an unregistered ward, Cheung Yuk, 12, girl, on or about May 15.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., said that two days ago, the little girl was found, wandering in Des Voeux Road Central by a Chinese male, who brought her to the S. C. A.

According to the girl, she was turned out of the house by defendant because she had stolen some scissors and \$1 from fellow-tenants.

On May 15 last, she was brought to Hongkong from the country by her mother, who presented her to defendant for a considerable sum of money. Since then she had done various household tasks.

Defendant was fined \$20 or 21 days' hard labour.

RETURNED BANISHMENT

Alleged to have attempted to snatch a handbag from Mrs. A. Wu, of No. 41, Morrison Hill Road, top floor, Chan Kwong-chau, 30, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was charged with attempted theft before Mr. Sheldon K. C., yesterday.

For returning from 10-year banishment, defendant was additionally charged with breach of the deportation order. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

Sentence of six months' hard labour on the first charge and three months on the second, the terms to run concurrently, was imposed.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

THEFT FROM BARRACKS

The case in which Chan Chiu, 38, head arsenal depot coolie, was charged with larceny by servant of a bar of tin and a quantity of solder to the value of \$80 from the Wellington Barracks, and three other arsenal depot coolies, Ma Ping-pui, 24, Au Kin, 27, and Ho Kwan, 20, with receiving the stolen property was heard before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for first defendant and Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remédios for second, while the two others were represented.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that on Apr. 29, fourth defendant was arrested by a detective in Queen's Road East carrying a rattan basket, which was found to contain the tin ingot.

As a result of questioning of fourth defendant, the other three defendants were in turn arrested.

Because of lack of evidence for conviction, first, second and third defendants were discharged, while fourth defendant, who pleaded guilty, was ordered to be remanded for seven days in full custody.

TYPIST DISCHARGED

Lewis Chan, 21, typist, was discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of unlawful possession of a pair of handcuffs and an electric torch at Lee Yuen Street East, near Des Voeux Road Central, on Apr. 25.

It was stated that there was no evidence to prove that defendant had intentions to use them for an unlawful purpose.

Chan was defended by Mr. M. A. Silva.

FALSE PRETENCES

Chu Sau-lung, 30, unemployed, of No. 9, Ming Yuen Street, West first floor, was charged before Mr.

Exciting Chase In Yaumati District Told At Magistracy: Boy's Bravery

Bravery on the part of a 16-year-old boy in arresting an alleged robber, despite the fact that the latter attempted to shoot the youth with a revolver, was related before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Accused was LAU FUK, 32, charged with robbing Tong Yun-fan of \$77.05 at the Pak Kut Restaurant, No. 9, Saigon Street, attempting to shoot the boy with intent possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition and breach of deportation order.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that accused went to the Pak Kut Restaurant about 11.50 p.m. on May 3. He ordered a meal and while he was consuming it the foks of the restaurant were closing up the shop. Five minutes before midnight, accused got the bill and walked up the counter. He produced a \$1 note for the payment of the meal.

As the accountant opened the drawer to get the change, accused drew a revolver and threatened him. Several foks of the shop attempted to come to the accountant's assistance but were all held up by defendant single-handed.

After taking \$77.05 from the drawer, accused backed to the door and disappeared in the dark street.

CHASE GIVEN

The accountant and foks raised the alarm and gave chase from Saigon Street to Chi Wo Street and then to Gascoigne Road. At one time, a fok, Chin So, got within a short distance of accused who turned

round and attempted to shoot him but the revolver misfired.

As the alleged robber and the pursuing party passed the monument at the junction of Gascoigne and Jordan Roads, a pedestrian, Wong Fat, tried to intercept him. However, accused pointed the gun and attempted to shoot but again it misfired.

Defendant continued his flight to the upward path leading to the King's Park Refugee Camp as the 16-year-old boy joined the chase.

It was alleged that accused again attempted to shoot the boy but the gun only clicked.

DOUBLE BLOW

Apparently thinking that the gun was only a toy pistol, the boy continued his pursuit. On the path, Wong Fat overtook accused and the boy caught up with him. The boy gave accused a double blow on the temple from behind. Immediately accused turned and pointed the weapon at the boy who was quick enough to hold his arm tight.

Accused then passed the gun to the left hand and pointed it at Wong Fat who gave the accused a blow on the jaw and disarmed him.

A Chinese constable arrived and took the party to the Yaumati Police Station.

In answer to the first charge, defendant admitted that he had committed a robbery but in reply to the second charge said that he only fired in the air so as to frighten those chasing him and he knew very well that to kill a man would mean to be hanged.

UNSERVICEABLE GUN

Giving evidence, Sgt. G. J. Perkins, Police Armourer, said that the revolver was a very old .45 one loaded with five rounds of .44 ammunition. In his opinion the gun was unserviceable and the ammunition was useless.

After evidence by the accountant and two foks of the restaurant, further hearing was adjourned until May 23, at 2.30 p.m.

Lowry yesterday with obtaining money by false pretences.

It was alleged that Chu obtained the sum of \$200 from one Yim Sau-man at Queen's Road Central on Mar. 10 as payment for a spare in a certain business, by falsely pretending that the Sun Tai Luk Studio, Johnston Road, was for sale and that he was going to buy it, whereas in fact, the said Studio was not for sale nor had he such intention.

The case was remanded until Saturday, defendant being allowed bail of \$300.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

COOLIES HEAVILY FINED

Two coolies in the employ of Marsman Company were fined \$100 or two months' hard labour each by Mr. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday for stealing a quantity of dynamite from No. 18 A. R. P. Tunnel, Shing Ping Street, Wan-chai, on May 14.

Chan Siu, 24, was charged with larceny of 19 sticks and Chan Chi, 23, 18 sticks, all of which were produced in Court. Both pleaded guilty.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that they were arrested carrying the explosive while leaving the A. R. P. Tunnel.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Another charge was preferred against Chiu Shin-kul, 37, unemployed, and Wong Kwai-chong, 30, married woman, who were earlier charged with two counts of unlawful retention of postal packets, when they appeared on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

The new charge accused them of having opened a letter addressed to one Mrs. Cheung Hung and took out \$20 between March 24 and May 7.

The earlier two charges alleged that they fraudulently retained at No. 132, Jaffe Road, Wan-chai, a postal packet, which ought to have been delivered to Mrs. Cheung on March 24 and another on April 21.

Hearing of the case was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on May 28.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ will be appearing for both defendants, who are on \$200 bail each.

Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, is prosecuting.

WOUNDING CHARGE

Lee Wing, 39, gardener, was further remanded for two days by Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of wounding one Huen Pui with intent to cause him bodily harm at Aberdeen Old Road, The Peak, on May 4.

Det. Sub-Insp. J. J. Donovan, in asking for the remand, said that although complainant was progressing rapidly he would not be discharged from hospital until a few days more.

The case is for committal.

GAMBLING DEN RAIDED

Fourteen persons were arrested when a Police party carried out a raid on an alleged common gaming house for "pai kau" at the top floor of the South China Restaurant, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday night.

Before Mr. Lowry yesterday, Lam Ping-kuong, 22, was charged with keeping and the rest with gambling.

Six absentees had their bail of \$10 each extracted, while Lam was

fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour, and the others \$5 or seven days each.

Table money picked up amounting to \$25.10 was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

Det.-Sgt. J. Willison prosecuted.

HOTEL RUNNER DISCHARGED

Chan Piu, 32, described as a boarding house runner, charged with possession of a forged inoculation certificate purporting to have been issued by the Macao Government, knowing same to have been forged, at the Tai Chung Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, on May 3, was discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday, when the Police offered no evidence against him.

Defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, while Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes was in charge of the case.

WANCHAI MURDER SEQUEL

As a sequel to the stabbing incident that occurred at Lockhart Rd., Wanchai, on Tuesday afternoon, Ho Sau-chun, alias Ho Tat-wan, 28, unemployed cook-boy, residing at No. 418, Lockhart Rd., 2nd floor, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday with the murder of Lam Chung-chuen.

Defendant was formally remanded for a week, on the application of Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant.

AT KOWLOON

SNATCHER CONVICTED

Charged with snatching a purse containing \$3.60 from Leung Sze, 33, married woman, in Reclamation Street near Pitt Street, yesterday, Leung Ming, 25, and a 13-year-old boy appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Sgt. Whitcroft prosecuting, said that at 3 p.m. on May 14 the woman was purchasing vegetables from a hawk in Reclamation Street when the boy struck her hand causing the purse to fall on the ground. The first accused then picked it up and ran away. An alarm was raised and both accused were caught by passers-by.

First accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour, while the boy was remanded 24 hours for sentence in the Juvenile Court.

FOOD HAWKERS

For failing to provide boiling water to wash dishes etc., in accordance with the sanitary regulations, eight food stall keepers were each fined \$10 by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

AMAH GAOLED

Wong Shun, 23, amah, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday for stealing a \$500 note, the property of her master, Lo Siu-san, engineer, of No. 48 Cheungshawan Road.

EXPORT OF PETROL

Lo Kun-yau, 46, steersman of lighter No. 19397, and Cheung Kau, 39, steersman of lighter No. 2705V, appeared before Mr. D.J.N. Anderson yesterday on the charge of attempting to export petrol without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Pleading guilty through their solicitor, Mr. H. L. Kwan, to a breach

of the Defence Regulations the accused were fined \$400 and \$750 respectively.

Prosecuting Sgt. Innes said that a total of 2,000 tins of petrol cased's lighter when it was stopped by a Water Police patrol in Sulphur Channel at 6.30 a.m. on May 14 and 4,000 tins on second accused's lighter in East Lamma Channel at 8.45 a.m. the same morning the accused admitted that they were bound for Cheung Chau with the petrol.

TRANSFER OF CHILD

Two women, Lam Chung-fa, 41, and Li Mui, 40, were charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with unlawful transfer of a child for valuable consideration.

Inspector E. W. Moreton, of the S. C. A., said that defendants were relatives. On May 13 they went to the S. C. A. and expressed the wish of adopting a child. First accused intended to give her boy to second accused as an adopted son owing to poverty.

Inquiries showed that \$50 was involved in the transaction.

Accused were cautioned.

D. O. SOUTH

CAUTIONED

"I bought it for 40 cents," pleaded Yuen Nang when charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with the possession of 40 catties wild tree wood at Market Street, near Chung On Street, Tsun Wan, on May 14. He was cautioned by the Magistrate.

TO BE EXPELLED

An expulsion order was made against Mok Kwai-hing when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Balfour yesterday to the charge of possession of 100 catties wild tree wood at Castle Peak Road, near Ha Kwai Chung village, on May 14.

BOUND OVER

A Chinese was charged yesterday with the possession of 223 piculs firewood without the permission of the Controller of Stores preparatory to selling or removing such wood from his possession, at Tung Chung Bay on May 14.

He pleaded that the trees came from the Chinese territory and produced a bill in support of his plea. "We went to Tung Chung to wait for the tide. We did not intend to land the trees," accused said.

Defendant was found guilty and bound over in the sum of \$50 to come up for judgment within a year.

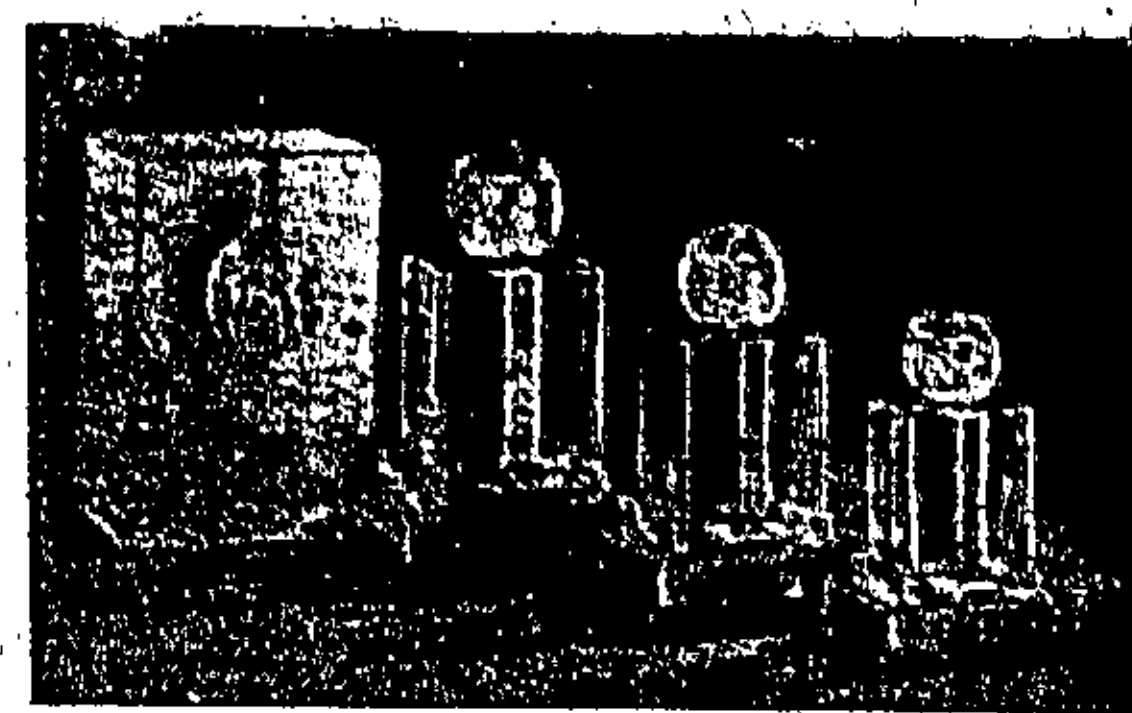
Sgt. May prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

Cheung Sing and Lai Fook, joint owners of the steam launch "Chi Sang", appeared before Commander J. Jolly, R. N. R., at the Marine Court yesterday, charged with having permitted their launch to function while in condition that could be deemed safe, namely, by burning oil-fuel in the boiler in such manner as to expose the launch to the danger of an explosion.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and were each fined \$50.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 15, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 44 1/2	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 5/8	
and demand 82 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits 60 days' sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 1/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, May 15.

The price for Ready Silver rose 1/16 yesterday to 23 1/2 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 23 1/2. Silver advances reported the market as being quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 24 3/8 for near and forward with small buyers at 24 7/8 for forward and probably for near.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 456 3/4 with small business done at 457 1/4. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 457 1/4, buyers at 457 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 3/32 and then eased off to 3 17/64. At the close there were sellers again at 3 3/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 11/32 and then receded to 5 5/16. At the close there were sellers at 5 11/32 for Spot. Quiet.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

Closed with sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 7/8 for near, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 457 1/4, buyers at 457 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling closed with sellers at 3 3/32 and U. S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 15 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rate:

Opening	0/3-1/8
London	5-3/16
New York	22
Japan	17-1/4
India	nominal
Paris	20-3/4
Hongkong	20-3/4

Sterling

Opening	0/3-1/8
London	5-3/16
New York	22
Japan	17-1/4
India	nominal
Paris	20-3/4
Hongkong	20-3/4

Sellers

Spot	0/3-9/32	0/3-9/32
May	0/3-9/32	0/3-9/32
June	0/3-9/32	0/3-9/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot	55-11/32	55-11/32
May	5-11/32	5-11/32
June	5-11/32	5-11/32

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 14 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 14 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2, Rupee, 95-08-0.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 14, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.10	12.85	12.85	12.90	.05 up
New York Rubber, July	24.50	24.25	24.55	24.48	.07 off
Chicago Wheat, July	100	96 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	4 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, July	74 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	14.97	14.80	14.83	14.97	.14 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
May	12.80/80	12.93/93
July	12.85/85	12.90/95
October	12.96/96	13.07/08
December	13.02/05	13.09/13
January	12.97/97	13.11 N
March	13.08/08	13.22/25
Spot	13.26	13.31

Total sales Tuesday:—321,600 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Change
May (New contract)	24.55/55	24.48/50a
July	24.00/05a	23.99/99
September	23.70/70	23.65b/69a
December	23.35 N	23.30 N

Total sales for the day:—1,370 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Change
July	95 1/2/95 1/2	99 1/2/99 1/2
September	96 3/4/96 3/4	100 1/2/100 1/2

Tuesday's sales:—14,536,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Change
July	72 1/2/72 1/2	73 1/2/73 1/2
September	73 1/2/73 1/2	74 1/2/74 1/2

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Change
June	14.83b/90a	14.97/97
September	15.00b/04a	15.14/14

Total sales for the day:—269 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	Close	Change
September	7.78 N	7.83/82

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Change
May	2.49b/50a	2.48b/49a
July	2.52b/53a	2.52b/53a

Volume of business done:—112 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Change
July	85b/85 1/2	85 1/2b/86 1/2

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Change
July	11.80b/88a	11.77b/96a

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	Close	Change
July	10.73/73	10.84/84

NEW YORK LARD

	Close	Change
September	9.82/80	10.00 A

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	Close	Change
September	7.38b/39a	7.27b/30a

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 28 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, May 14.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1952) 103-5/8

Defence Loan, 3 1/2 101 1/2

Jantion-K'loon Rly. 5% 9

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 39

Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds 1925/27 38

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan 1908 40

Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan 1912 20 1/2

Chinese 5 1/2 Reng. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 28 1/2

Chinese 8 1/2 Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 7-9

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 48

Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 12

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 13

(L.P. N.Y. Issue) 11

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1913 (German Issue) 9

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Chai-N'King Rly. 5% 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 10

(Brit. Stpd.) 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 10

(German Stpd.) 10

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 10

(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 23

Jap. 6 1/2 Ster. Loan, 1924 5

Ger. 7 1/2 Int'l. Loan, 1924 8 1/2

H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 7 1/2

H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 7 1/2

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 12/6

Chosen Corporation 4 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India 1 1/2

India 25 "G" 1 1/2

S'hai Elec. Contr. Co. 16 1/2

S'hai Waterworks "A" 15

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 14 (Reuters).

Tin Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £270-1/8.

Tin Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £287-7/8.

Market quiet. Ministry has reduced cash selling limit to £271-1/2 but this is still above private offers. Demand improved but overseas steadiness kept sellers reserved, hence business restricted and mainly confined to forward. After hours—40 tons at unchanged prices.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 15 (Reuters).

A generally firm undertone was maintained on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Kaifirs, coppers and oils encouraged by details of wasting assets allowances announced in the Finance Bill.

Industrials were steady to firm, with useful gains by breweries and Unilever, while Dunlops partially recovered after losing 1/- on a 10 per cent. distribution against 12 per cent. last year.

Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues which, generally, were firm.

Wall Street was dull.

LONDON GOLD

London, May 14 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

Gula Insurance 22

Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15 1/2

Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 12 1/2

Great Western Rly. 33 1/2

National Bank of India 88/9

Chartered Bank 34 1/2

Bristol Aeroplane 8/10 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind. 30/7 1/2

United Steel 22/6

Woolworths 47/7 1/2

Maraman Investments 5/3

Western Holdings 11 1/2

Sub-Nigel 145/-

Shell Trans. & Trad. 41/3

(bearer) 41/3

—old 41/3

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

MAY 15, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	54	Kennecott Copper	34 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	26 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	22 1/2
Amer. Can.	80	Loew's Inc.	29 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	36 1/2	Martins Glen L.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr. 7 1/2	1 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	18 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	36 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	14 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	65	Northern Pacific	13
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Anaconda Copper	25 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Armstrong T. & S. Fe.	28 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	3 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	15
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Reading Company, Com	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	70 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	44 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	28 1/2
Briggs Mfrs.	19	Schenley Distillers	9
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Celanese	21 1/2	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	35 1/2	Southern Rly 35 pfd.	23 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	58 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	30 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	23	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	22 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Consolidated Edison	18 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	4 1/2
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	68 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	140 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Union Pacific	80 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	United Aircraft	38 1/2
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1940/41	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	May 13	High	Low	Close	Change
1940/41	152.80	111.84	30 Industrials	117.31	117.36	116.67	117.01	32 off
	32.67	22.16	20	28.73	28.84	28.17	28.47	46 off
	26.45	17.31	20	17.36	17.50	17.40	17.44	06 up
	92.19	83.06	40	91.32	91.81	91.81	91.81	32 off
	68.34	48.74	11	68.34	69.78	69.78	69.78	1

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To relieve the shortage of motor spirits caused by the war, an effective substitute has been found in vegetable oils. A factory known as the China Motor Car Manufacturing has been established at an unexplained locality, which manufactures motor cars with generators driven by the burning of vegetable oils.

QUISLINGITES MAKE PROGRESS —BACKWARDS!

The boast of Quisling on being placed in power last September by the Germans was that his followers in the so-called National Union party would win over or take over the whole of Norway. And Quisling did succeed in uniting the majority of Norwegians—in uniting them AGAINST his puppet regime!

Considering the fact that the Quislingites have had at their disposal for many months all tools of propaganda and all government machinery, not to mention the bayonets of hundreds of thousands of German troops, it is astounding how little they have been able to influence the Norwegian people.

The party organ, FREE PEOPLE, is said officially to have a circulation of 55,000, but informed patriotic sources in Norway have placed the real figure at not more than 19,000. And of this number a substantial part is made up of complimentary copies and of "subscriptions by invitation" which public officials and civil employees were forced to take in order to keep their jobs.

ORGANISED GANGSTERDOM

Sharing in the contempt and hate which Norwegians have for the traitor-regime are the Storm Troopers, or HIRDMEN, which Quisling attempted to organise along Nazi lines. It is estimated that there are a thousand of these Norwegian Nazis in Norway, of which three hundred are from the Oslo district. The worst thing about this group of imitation Storm Troopers is that while the membership formerly consisted of many high school boys and office workers, most new recruits have been found among anti-social and criminal elements of the population.

These potential gangsters are paid wages for performing deeds for which neither the Norwegian police nor the courts can hold them accountable. Violent encounters have taken place between Hird members and the inhabitants of various towns with resulting injuries and fatalities on both sides.

According to Mr. Chang Shih-kang, a German-trained technician and engineer of the factory, the Hongkong Government dispatched sometime ago an official to inspect the factory and he was much impressed by the extensiveness of its plant and efficiency of the cars produced.

Mr. Chang revealed that the factory was established in the early part of 1937 by order of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and was placed under the direction of Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, former Mayor of Canton, who has been responsible for its gradual expansion. The plant was first located at a coastal town but was removed to the interior after the outbreak of the current hostilities.

With the spread of the war, Mr. Chang said, the supply of motor spirits dwindled owing to difficulties in importation. He recommended vegetable oils as a substitute fuel for generators. Experiments were made and the result was found highly satisfactory. Generators manufactured by the factory, which average 100 per day, can now be driven by any kind of vegetable oils such as peanut oil, wood oil, and cotton seeds oil.

CONSTRUCTION OF CARS

Describing the construction of the cars, Mr. Chang said, they are mostly equipped with four cylinders which are capable of developing a 55-horse power. Most parts of the engine are similar to those used in cars driven by motor spirits, but the principal difference is the fitting of a filter to the tank which purifies the oil before being pumped into the generator, cleanses and keeps it in efficiently working order.

The cars so far produced are mostly of 2½-ton type and are christened "China Vegetable Oil Motor Cars." They have a speed of from 55 to 60 kilometers per hour and climb an altitude of 20 degrees. Plans are on foot to manufacture 4-ton cars which will be named "Reconstruction" and one-ton cars to be known as "Economic."

Mr. Chang explained that the substitution of vegetable oils for motor spirits is not a China invention. It was first experimented

COOLIDGE WINS AWARD

Operating officials of the American President Lines have been notified by the Accident Prevention Bureau of the Waterfront Employers' Association that their flagship, the President Coolidge, has won the Bureau's coveted "Safety Award" for 1940.

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The President Coolidge was the only Pacific passenger vessel to qualify for the privilege of flying the safety pennant for 1940. An appropriate presentation ceremony will be held when the President Coolidge returns from the Orient.

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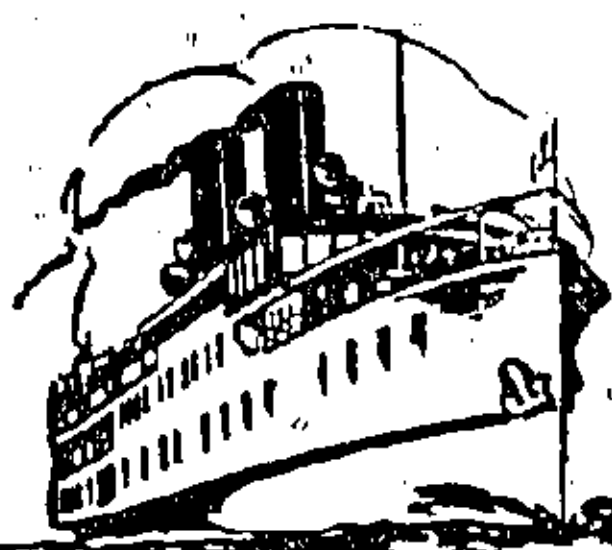
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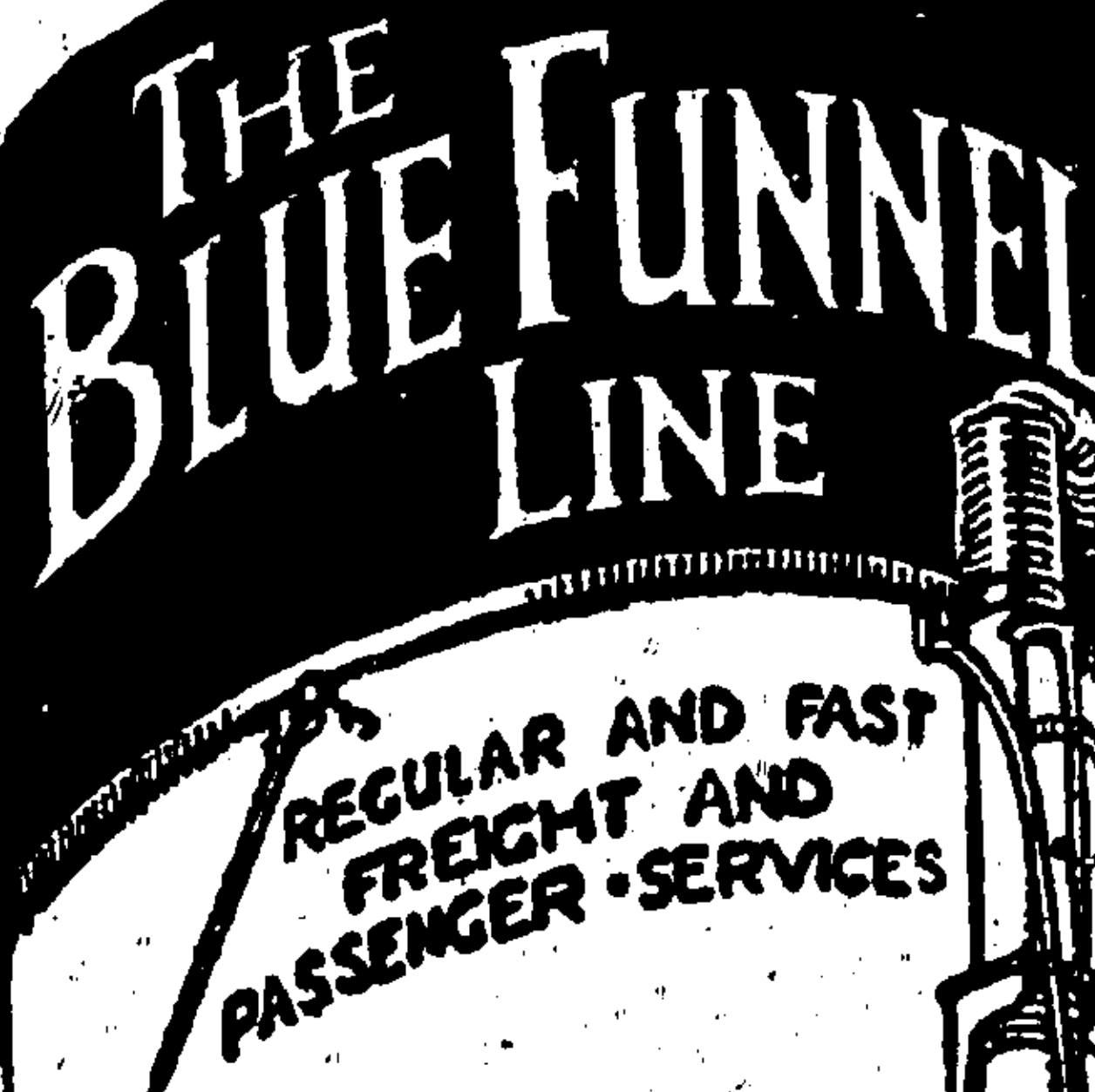
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NORWAY AFTER A YEAR OF NAZI DOMINATION

A brief review of the blessings brought to Norway by the German invasion brings out these representative facts:

1. Rations at the present time are:
Bread, 225 grams per person per day; Butter, 40 grams per person per week; Sugar, 200 grams per person per week; Coffee, 40 grams per person per week.

(Meat has been practically unobtainable in the towns since January).

2. Housing conditions: During two months of hostilities in Norway probably more houses were destroyed than in four months of war in Finland; yet almost no reconstruction has been carried on since last summer. The Germans have requisitioned both materials and labour for use on their projects of fortifications, air fields, and so on.

Consequently many families—as in the Narvik region especially—have been living in tents during the entire winter.

3. Unemployment: In spite of a relatively large increase in unemployment—in a country which formerly had almost none—only 500 Norwegian workers have yielded to Nazi pressure and accepted jobs in Germany. The Nazi plan was to recruit at least 20,000 Norwegians for work in the Reich.

4. Business World: By October, 1940, Norway's exports had declined by 50 per cent. while her imports were cut by 70 per cent. Up to March, 1941, the Nazis had taken 1,700,000,000 crowns from the bank of Norway, mainly to pay expenses of the German army of occupation.

5. Coal and Fuel: Not only has shortage of fuel resulted in great hardships for the population during the winter, but the lack of coal—which was promised in abundance by the Nazis—has resulted in serious crippling of many Norwegian industries.

6. Fishing: This former main industry of Norway has been attacked from two sides. First, the shortage of gasoline and high price of equipment have prevented many fishermen from carrying on their work. And second, practically all fish caught are commandeered for Nazi use. Besides seizing 7,000 tons of stockfish and 13,000 tons of klipfish, the enemy authorities have demanded that 150,000 tons of fresh fish be delivered to Germany in the coming spring and summer.

FOREIGN EXPERT TO ADVISE ON FERTILISER

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central)—A China Fertiliser Corporation is being organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

It will have on its brain trust MR. G. F. WINFIELD, American agriculturist and fertiliser specialist who recently arrived in Chungking as adviser.

When the plant is in full operation, it will turn out 15 to 20 tons of manure daily. The annual output will be around a million dollars' worth of fertiliser.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

SHANGHAI, May 15 (Reuter)—Scores were killed and injured when another new express train of the Japanese controlled Shanghai-Hangchow-Nanking Railway was wrecked by a land mine explosion while proceeding to Shanghai from Hangchow, 100 miles southwest of Shanghai, according to Chinese reports.

The explosion is reported to have derailed the engine and tender, and completely demolished the baggage car and second class coach.

This is the second of the new expresses, recently brought from Japan, to be wrecked by a land mine explosion.

Seventy per cent. of this is accounted for by horses, either for breeding or racing. Thoroughbreds were sent to the United States, Canada, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Colombia, Trinidad and Barbados. Hunters were taken by Canada and U.S.A., as were Hackneys and Clydesdales.

The U.S.A. was in fact Britain's biggest horse buyer by far last year for she also took polo ponies, Shetland ponies, Arab horses, and Suffolk Punches.

Altogether, 1,627 horses were shipped from Britain during 1940, compared with 724 the year before and 1,200 in 1938.

Cattle were the next most important export, about one-sixth of the total value. Shorthorns were sent to U.S.A., Canada, Argentina, Uruguay and Kenya. Of the dairy breeds Kenya took Ayrshires and English Jerseys; Brazil, Ayrshires; Nepal, British Friesians.

Of the famous British beef breeds, Aberdeen Angus cattle went to Canada and Argentina. Hereford to Argentina and Uruguay and a South Devon bull to Colombia.

KENT BREED

A feature of the sheep exports was the growing popularity of the Kent, or Romney, Marsh. Breed which was shipped to India, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and the Falkland Islands.

Argentina took the greatest variety of sheep breeds; in addition to Kents, her quota included Lincoln Longwools, Hampshire Down, Ryelands, Southdowns, Shropshires, Border Leicester and Oxford Down.

Canada had Suffolks, Hampshire Down and Southdowns; Chile, these two last; India, in addition to Kents, bought Southdowns, Hampshire Down, Border Leicester, Cheviots and Wensleydales; Uruguay took the Lincoln Longwool breed; Egypt, the Suffolk.

Pigs of the famous Large White breed were sent to Canada.

All this livestock is valuable pedigree stock sent overseas for breeding purposes; a proportion of it is being used to maintain the standard of livestock in countries from which foodstuffs come back to Britain.

These exports are, thus making a double contribution to Britain's war effort; and the £800,000 estimate of their value shows a big increase over 1939 when it was £583,000.

RUBBER FROM CACTUS PLANT

A method to extract rubber from a little cactus plant found in abundance in North Africa instead of the usual hevea rubber trees, which are lacking, has been devised by a young French chemist in Casablanca.

The cactus plant, a variety of euphorbia, gives out a white sap which turns black upon contact with air.

Attempts to coagulate this sap have been successful, and a means has also been found of extracting it in commercial quantities.

It is estimated that the present number of such plants in North Africa would be sufficient to yield 600,000 tons of sap; this in turn would give out 300,000 of coagulated sap, sufficient for France's pre-war rubber requirements.

SMELLING SNUFF BY THE TON

Hundreds of tons of snuff are still being sent overseas from Great Britain every 12 months. In the last year of peace the quantity was 662 tons, but most of it was used for killing insects.

Of the whole amount six tons only was for human beings, and not all of that for sniffing. Much was in a moist form for applying between the gums and the cheek.

Gone are the days when the gallant, with a courtly bow, proffered snuff from a jewelled box. Today the snuff holder is of polished wood or papier mache, or more often the working man just carries it in a small tin in his waistcoat pocket.

The Canadian lumberjack still has ever had the tin

Chinese Converge On Foochow

SHUIKOW, May 15 (Central)—Severe fighting continues to rage in the outer perimeter of Foochow as Chinese forces are converging on the city from three directions.

Unable to withstand Chinese pressure, the Japanese at Tungchow on the Min River are retreating in disorder toward Hungshan-chiao, about three miles west of Foochow.

On the Lienkiang front at mouth of the Min River, as a result of sanguinary fighting for two days and nights, the Japanese have been defeated and thrown back. Chinese forward units have advanced beyond Feishih north of Lienkiang and are steadily pushing southward.

With the outlying districts of Lienkiang under Chinese control, a concerted assault on the city is expected to be launched immediately.

JAPANESE RENEW ATTACKS

EAST KIANGSI, May 15 (Central)—Another flare-up of military activity is occurring in areas east of Poyang Lake in eastern Kiangsi, where the Japanese are renewing attacks. The number of the Japanese troops at Pengtse and Hukow has been considerably increased following the arrival of further reinforcements.

On the night of May 12, a Japanese detachment south of Pengtse started a drive southward and on the following morning clashed with the Chinese at points north of Mamachiao, where severe fighting is taking place.

Another Japanese column of some 2,000 strong yesterday morning attempted to advance southward from Malukow south of Pengtse, but are being checked in areas north of Kuochiachiao.

Lindrum's Record

MELBOURNE, May 15 (Reuter)—Walter Lindrum broke his own world record today when he compiled a break of 3,735 in a match against his brother Fred.

Lindrum held the old record of 3,361 made also when he opposed his brother, last July.

During the 10 months of exhibition play, Lindrum has raised £18,000 for the war funds.

MODERNISATION OF ALEXANDRETTA HARBOUR

ANKARA, May 15 (Reuter)—Winches and other loading and unloading equipment are being sent from Smyrna and Istanbul to Alexandretta, where the harbour is being rapidly modernised.

Alexandretta will be the main port in Turkey for British trade.

American boats are arriving in Suez every four days and this fact enhances Alexandretta's importance, especially since the German occupation of the islands of Lemnos, Lesbos and Chios, threatens the communications between Istanbul and Smyrna.

CONDITIONS IN FUKIEN

YUNGAN, May 15 (Central)—A party of five persons, commissioned by the Executive Yuan to inspect political conditions in Fukien, arrived here from Chungking yesterday.

The party consists of Messrs. Ku Yu-hsiu, Mei Kung-jen, Hu Chao-hsiang, Wang Shih-yin, and Sah Meng-wu.

FOREIGN MAILS

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GUN BATTLE PROTEST

SHANGHAI, May 15 (Reuter)—The Municipal Council is reported to be preparing a strong protest to Mayor Chen Chung-po of the Japanese sponsored Chinese Municipality over the gun battle at St. George's on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, it is learned that two of the wounded, both bodyguards of Mrs. Ho Sze-pao, wife of the Chief of Wang Ching-wei's Special Police, have died from their injuries.

FOR NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT

CHUNGKING, May 15 (Central)—To develop Greater Northwest, the Bank of China has decided to invest \$10,000,000 for the establishment of a large-scale company in Kansu engaged in water conservancy, forestry and animal husbandry enterprises.

Mr. Shen Yi, a well-known German trained engineer and former Commissioner of Public Works of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government, has been offered the post of Managing-Director of the company.

It is understood that Mr. Shen will leave here shortly for Kansu by air to start preparations.

PRO-CHUNGKING LAWYER KILLED

SHANGHAI, May 15 (Reuter)—What is believed to be another political assassination occurred in the Settlement at about two this afternoon when Wang Chung-dao, 40-year-old lawyer, was shot dead in front of his home while entering his car.

Wang Chung-dao is reported to be a pro-Chungkingite.

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